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CELEBRITY SERVER



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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Big Boy waitress Alex Fedak serve a couple from Clare during the United Way's Celebrity Server Night held last week at the Big Boy Restaurant. Celebrity servers brought in over \$1,000 for the current United Way fund-raising campaign.

Cool weather put the hurt on tourism

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A mixed bag of weather thrown at northern Michigan by Mother Nature chilled business for those who rely on tourism.

An uncharacteristic summer which saw the thermometer see-saw from high to low temperatures put the hurt on some Grayling area businesses.

Marc Haring, the general manager of Northern Pure Ice, said business was down 27 percent at the end of August, marking a second in a row year of lower than projected sales. Less travelers and the weather were the main factors for low sales at the 1,200 party stores, campgrounds and supermarkets which carry the ice made in Grayling.

"Obviously, when it was 90 degrees we were fairly busy" Haring said. "Our counterparts in the Grand Rapids and Detroit - they tend have a more stable season. We really rely on tourism."

Roy Hutt, at Hutt's Camp and Canoeing, said the business has discounted a four-hour canoe trip from \$25 to \$15 this fall due to

slow business.

"We're running a lot of specials to get some more people in," Hutt said.

Dennis Fyock, the owner of River Park Campgrounds, said business was off a bit but that was their own fault because they are in the process of doubling the space for seasonal campers and only took return customers.

"We're simply going to be a more seasonal type of business and we will still keep space for our regular campers," he said. "We're just kind of backing down."

At the opposite end of the spectrum, Dave Seeley, the owner of Happi Days Campground and Diner, was pleased with his inaugural summer season as the new owner of the business.

Seeley added he had a number of return customers, Jeep clubs who paid several visits to the campground and his car show held in August was a "huge success."

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DNR fires raised alarm

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Last week, 911 received several calls about a big fire. It wasn't a wildfire, it was one of the three prescribed burns held in Roscommon County.

The smoke caused people to call 911 in several counties in northeastern Michigan - all the way to Alpena County.

The smoke was from the first of two burns designed to clear the debris from around the DNR airport, which had to be done in order to keep the airport usable.

In preparation for these burns, which are held under tightly controlled parameters, the DNR makes sure there are fire breaks all the way around the area to be burned, and that DNR firefighters are assigned to the area.

Each year, the DNR writes up burn plans for areas in northern Michigan. The plans include detailed descriptions of the conditions under which the burn can be conducted, including the condition of the fuel (trees, etc.), and weather conditions, including wind speed and direction.

All fire departments and 911 centers are told when and where the burn will occur.

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Opportunities abound for fall color tours

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Whether viewing fall colors by car, canoe, bike or on foot, tree experts say it may be necessary for people to get out early to see the brilliant views and vistas this year.

The uncharacteristic warm temperatures brought by Mother Nature in late September has brought on the fall colors early.

But at the same time, drought conditions are causing the trees to lose their leaves earlier.

"Sunny weather creates better colors and we've got that right now, but my concern is that the trees are losing their leaves pretty fast so it may not be an extended fall like we had last year," said Russell Kidd, a forester and the Michigan State University Extension director for Roscommon.

During the spring and summer, the leaves serve as factories where most of the foods necessary for the trees growth are manufactured. This food-making process takes place in the leaf cells containing chlorophyll, which gives the leaf its green color. This extraordinary chemical absorbs from sunlight the energy that is used in transforming carbon dioxide and water to carbohydrates, such as sugars and starch.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Colorful views such as this one on Old 27 just north of the high school may not be around too long this year due to drought conditions.

Trees produce yellow and orange pigments all along, but for most of the year these colors are masked by the great amounts of green coloring.

In the fall, because of changes in the length of daylight and changes in temperature, the leaves stop their food-making process. The chlorophyll breaks down, the green color disappears, the yellow to orange colors become visible and give the leaves part of their fall splendor.

"We need cool evenings and nice days and we're gradually

getting into that," said Craig Kasmer, an interpreter at Hartwick Pines State Park. "The next couple of weeks - depending on the weather - we really should start seeing the color changes."

Tourism officials have designed short, moderate and longer color tours for those who wish to view the leaves by car.

The Grayling Visitor's Bureau has routes which keep people in the immediate area as well as longer tours which take people out to Lovells, Frederic

and into neighboring Kalkaska and Oscoda counties.

"A lot of people don't want to stay in one county they want to drive for hours and hours," said Ilene Geiss-Wilson, executive director for the Grayling Visitor's Bureau. "You can start here and stay here, but expand out into other areas."

Travel Michigan has a driving tour which runs from Grayling to Torch Lake in Antrim County, then extends down along the Grand Traverse
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Crawford County elected officials get pay hike

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County elected officials and county commissioners will receive a pay hike for the first time in three years.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, Treasurer Joe Wakeley, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Prosecutor John Huss will all see a little more in their pay checks when the county's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Wakeley and Moore's Salary were bumped from \$42,230 to \$44,580. Wakefield's salary will grow from \$47,380 to \$50,376. All three elected officials received a cost of living adjustment and an adjustment to cover the health care premiums which the county requires them to pay.

Huss's salary will go from \$82,000 to \$82,570 because he is just getting a pay adjustment to cover his out of pocket health care expenses.

Wakefield noted that his pay raise was not factored into the road patrol millage which voters will decide on the Nov. 2 ballot and wanted to stress that issue to

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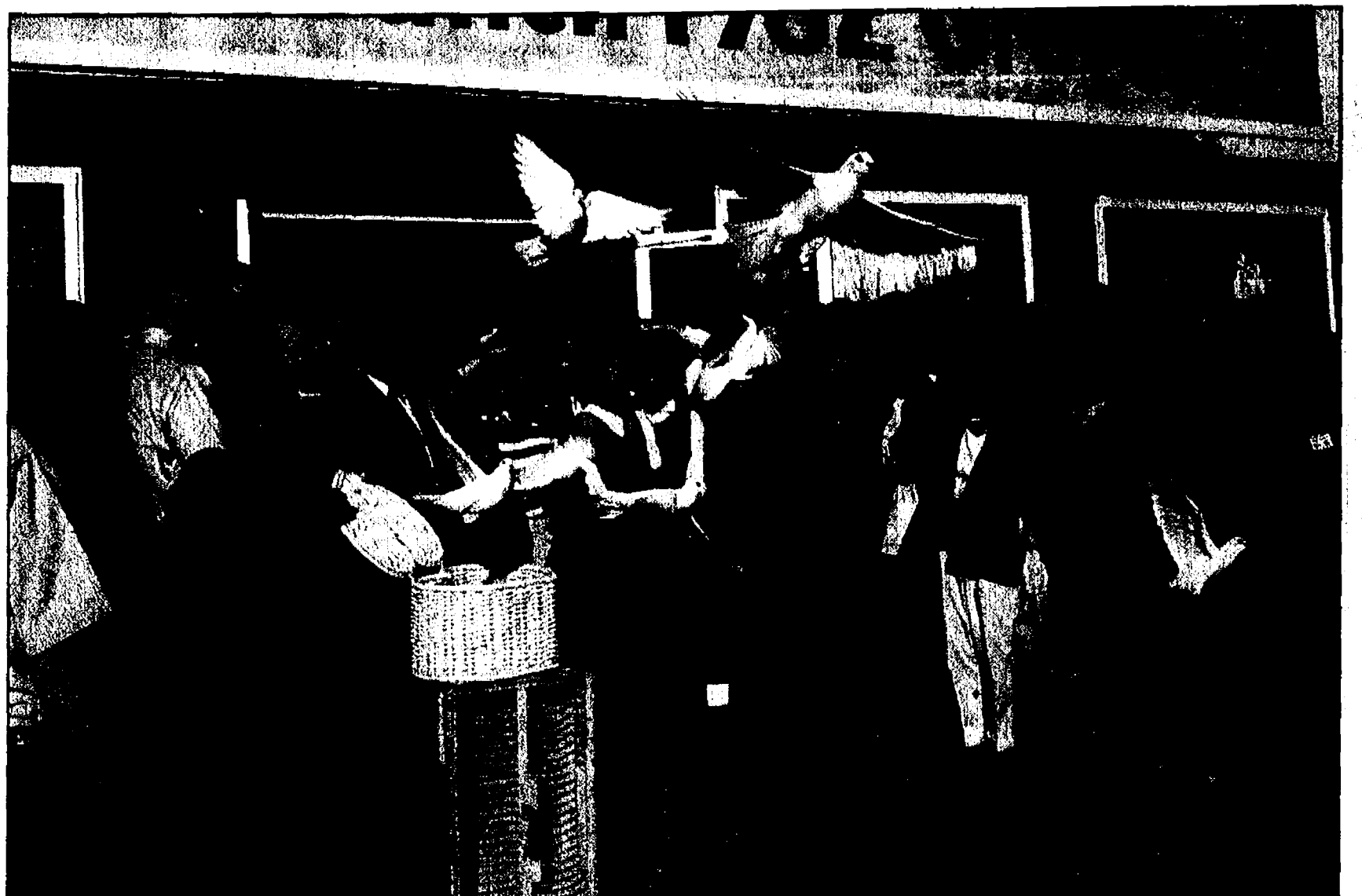


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The Annual Northern Democratic Dinner was held in Grayling on September 18 with over 300 Democrats attending. The event was held at the K of C Hall again this year and with the growth that the dinner has experienced a new place will be needed next year. Congressman Bart Stupak and Rep. Matt Gillard shared the stage as Masters of Ceremonies, along with several other local candidates of the 1st Congressional District. Opening ceremonies began at 6 p.m. with a release of ten white doves in memory of Michigan Servicemen and Servicewomen who gave their lives for our freedom while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Promise of new jobs nets \$300,000 grant for city

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling was awarded a \$300,000 grant to pay for infrastructure improvements in the industrial park in anticipation of 34 new jobs being created in the community.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is giving a grant to the city in connection with a \$675,000 investment being made by D & K Industries, which operates EZ-Built Homes and Grayling Storage and Reload in the industrial park.

The expansion will include a new building for Leonardo's Produce, a Detroit based company which supplies produce to retail and wholesale stores in northern Michigan, which currently leases property from D & K Industries.

A second building will be developed for Polar Bear, a Minnesota-based company which manufacturers panelized log siding for homes, which is relocating to Grayling.

Ten of the remaining 34 jobs will be added at EZ-Built Homes for anticipated growth of the company which manufactures panelized walls for homes.

"This is a good effort by the city, state and private developers coming together to move a pro-

ject forward and it provides money to the city to pay for infrastructure," said Keith Kenney, the senior vice president for D & K Industries.

The grant will pay to extend a paved road from Industrial Drive into the D & K Industries Property.

It will also pay to improve a water line, which dead ends at the D & K Industries Property, which will enhance the city's entire water system, said Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe.

"The community will see the salaries from these new jobs spent several times over in the community and we may see more businesses popping up as a result of this," Lowe said.

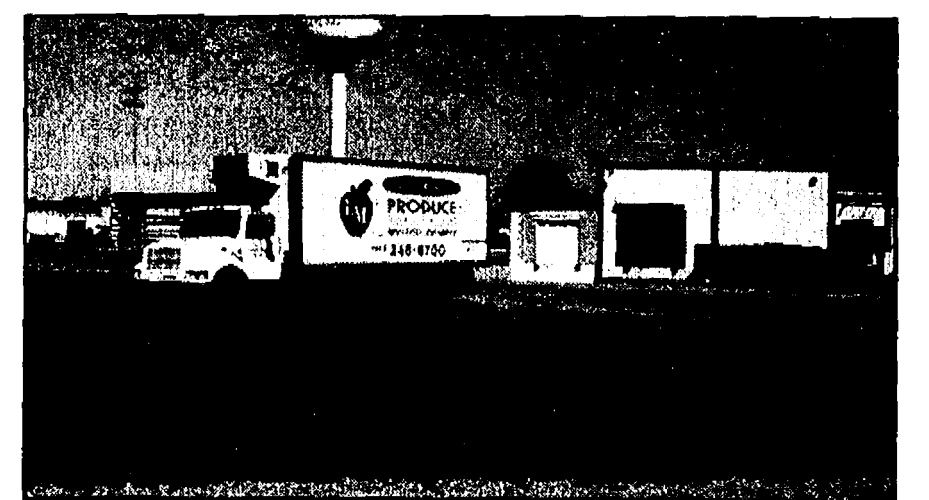


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Leonardo's Produce, EZ-Built Homes and Polar Bear will add 34 new jobs in the Grayling Industrial Park next year.

Sheriff Wakefield issues warning regarding calls

A recent flood of telephone calls to area residents asking for funds to support the Crawford County Sheriff's Office has Sheriff Wakefield issuing this message to citizens: Beware.

"If your phone is ringing, it is not the Sheriff's Office calling," said Sheriff Wakefield. "These callers are not affiliated with our office, nor have we asked anyone to make calls on our behalf."

Questionable tactics by telemarketers claiming to support law enforcement often involve promises of providing better protection for the community or "fixing" minor violations like speeding or parking tickets.

Sheriff Wakefield also warns citizens to be aware of who is calling. "Many times organization names sound similar enough that citizens believe they are talking to someone who is legiti-

mate."

Additionally, Sheriff Wakefield reminds the citizens of Crawford County that the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, his professional organization, never solicits money by telephone from anyone.

If you get one of these calls, stay calm and follow these steps:

- Ask the caller to clearly state whom they represent.
- Ask for the caller's name and a number where you can call them back.
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For additional information, Sheriff Wakefield recommends contacting the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-877-765-8388.



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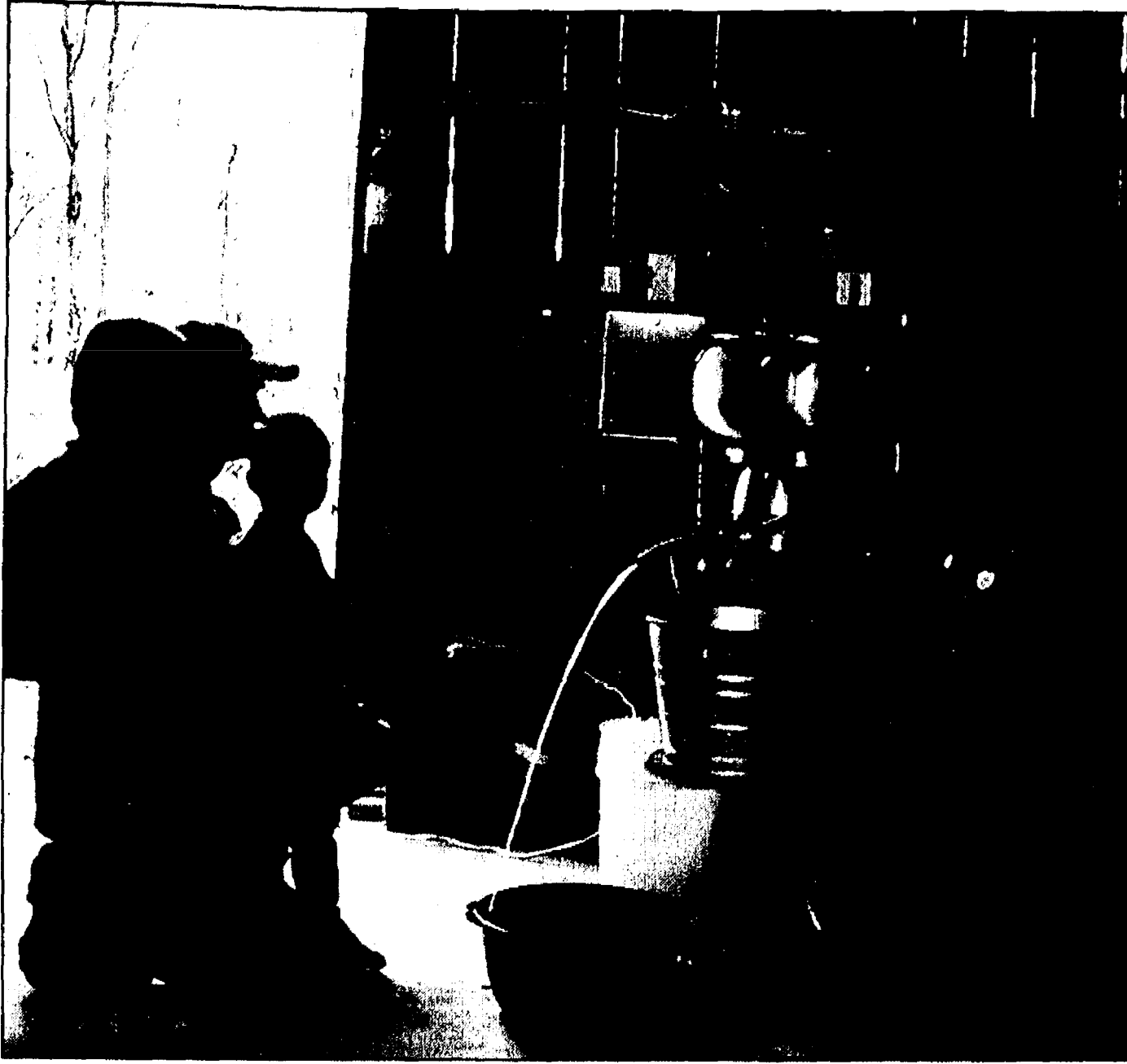
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DAIRY DAYS



Ken Louchart, a volunteer at Wellington Farm Park, displays how cream is separated from milk to Erwin Felton and children James Felton, 2, and Kayli Felton, 4, of Mason during the Dairy Days held at the park on Saturday. The cream was used to make home-made ice cream and butter. The Felton family decided to come to Grayling for a short summer trip while the weather was still nice.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Cool weather put the hurt on tourism

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busy and the restaurant has been busy - it's just been a good summer even though we didn't have summer until the last week anyway, Seeley said.

Ilene Geiss-Wilson, the executive director of the Grayling Area Visitors Bureau, said motel and hotel room rentals ran steady for the same period through July last year. She added that the cool weather may have been the hotel owners' pleasure while being the campground owner's pain this year.

"The cooler weather tends to shift the tourists from the campgrounds to the motels," Geiss-Wilson said.

Mike Proud, a meteorologist with National Weather Service

in Gaylord, said the average daily temperatures were only off between 2.8 to five degrees for the area in August and 1.8 in July.

Proud, however, said that weather fronts going through the area were the main cause for the milder temperatures.

"We really couldn't get warmed up and the cold fronts just pushed through and kept dropping temperatures again," said Proud.

Cheri Hunter, owner of Borchers' AuSable Canoeing and Bed and Breakfast, said the business was off in June, but picked up from July through Labor Day.

"This was by no means a record breaking summer, but

overall we're pleased with how our summer went," Hunter said. "Now, we're hoping for an Indian Summer through October and good snow through the winter."

Misty Ankney, general manager at the Day's Inn, attributed high gas prices and the weather as the reasons for not filling as many rooms.

"We're just hoping for a good winter," Ankney said.

Ernie Dawson, the owner of Flower's by Josie, said the poor weather put the hurt on gift sales at flower shops across northern Michigan.

"The tourists weren't here and they weren't buying," Dawson said. "It's pretty hard to pay the bills if they're not buying."

Audry Fouch, owner River Country Motor Lodge, said workers giving a facelift to the Lake State's Railway who stayed in the rooms were her saving grace. Fouch said she believes tourism officials should focus on trying to harness some of the business heading through town to Traverse City during the summer weekends.

"They've got to think of something else to bring them in," Fouch said.

Opportunities abound for fall color tours

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Bay to Manton and Lake City and returns to Grayling.

A color tour promoted by the West Michigan Tourist Association starts in Grayling, goes up to Frederic and over to Mancelona, then travels to Kalkaska and back to Grayling.

Another tour designed by the association starts in Grayling, then travels to Lovells down to Rocommon, over to Prudenville and Houghton Lake and then ends back in Grayling.

"We have a fine start to fall and we expect that to continue so we encourage people to go out and see the colors," said Rick Hert, executive director of the West Michigan Tourist Association.

Chris Nieman, the forester for

the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, recommended traveling south of Roscommon on M-18 to Meredith or on Lansing Road off of M-18 to Markey Road.

In Crawford County, Nieman recommended traveling west on M-72 into Kalkaska or on County Road 612 from Frederic to Kalkaska.

"The back roads around Frederic also make for a slow paced afternoon drive," Nieman said.

The Skyline Ski and County Club in the past has allowed people to go on top of the ski slopes to take in the fall colors, Geiss-Wilson said. Now, they can also play on the club's new Hawk Hill golf course while being surrounded by the fall

pageantry.

Hiking and biking opportunities are available at Hanson Hills, the Hartwick Pines State Park, North Higgins Lake State Park and at the Rayburn Estate.

Hiking options to view the colors are available on the Mason Tract Pathway at the Beal Plantation, where there are 40 species of trees to view.

People can also take in the colors from a canoe or kayak while there is less traffic on the AuSable or Manistee Rivers.

"If you pick the right day when the colors are great and weather is nice, there's nothing like it," said Jim Humes, the owner of Penrod's Cabins and Canoeing. "In the fall - it's completely different because it's not nearly as busy."

Crawford County elected officials get pay hike

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voters. The pay raises were recommended by the county's compensation committee, which is made up of George Stancil, Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Don Schanz, Tom Coors and Mark Hartman.

Stancil said the committee looked at the elected position when addressing the salaries and not the person serving in the office.

"It's impossible not to operate in a vacuum and not take budget considerations with everything that we do," Stancil said.

In addition, the compensation committee recommended that county commissioners pay go from \$7,700 to \$7,570 and the board chairman or chairwoman's pay go from \$7,700 to \$8,270.

The pay given to county road commissioner's will go from \$4,500 to \$4,725.

Lynnette Corlew, chairwoman of the county board of commissioners, noted that the pay given to commissioners is still lower than the per diem officials received when they cut their pay to hire County Controller Paul Compo.

"It's nice to see it back up for future generations because we do a lot of work that's not always done in a board meeting," Corlew said.

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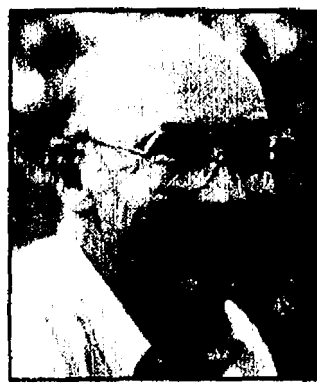


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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Is it county tax increase? Well, yes and no

FULFILLING AN obligation levied by the state constitution, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan legislature have agreed upon a balanced budget, just in time for the start of a new fiscal year.

Under today's circumstances, balancing the state budget is quite an achievement.

Students of the system will recall that it was only last June when a quarter-billion dollar hole in the 2003-04 fiscal year budget finally was filled by the Lansing capital gang, with cutting here, revenue enhancement there, all falling within today's almost universal political promise of "no new taxes."

But the \$250 million shortfall of June was only prelude to the \$1.3 billion shortfall in the 2004-05 budget.

Somehow, pieces have been put into place to fill that \$1.3 billion budgetary hole, at least on paper. If things go according to plan, there should be no

budget shortfall crisis during the next 12 months.

However, with uncertain national and world political situations in store, and in a jumpy and unpredictable national and world economy, that's not a sure thing.

It's not unlikely the governor and legislature will be back at the budgetary drawing board before the next fiscal New Year's Eve rolls around again a year from now.

THE FINAL PIECE in the 2004-05 budgetary patchwork fell into place when the state house reluctantly approved advancing county tax collections from December to July.

Like putting together a Rubik's cube, if the county part of the deal had not been adopted, the entire budget settlement package could have fallen apart.

Gov. Granholm pushed the tax move as the only way to replace a cut of \$183 million in state revenue sharing for local

government.

Early-paid taxes will permit counties to continue do the things they were doing with the \$183 million which the state cut.

In a way, it's an ingenious way to balance the budget, cut spending, and maintain revenues available to counties.

BUT IS IT a tax hike, or a tax shift? To me, it looks like both.

Most county property taxes now are billed in December and due in February. If paid late, penalty and interest are added. If unpaid for some time, the county has the right to seize the property to satisfy the unpaid taxes.

Under the new law, December payment of county taxes is moved ahead to July over a three year period starting in 2005.

For example, if the county tax is \$300, in 2004 the taxpayer will pay \$300 in December. In 2005 the taxpayer will pay

\$100 in summer and \$200 in winter. In 2006, payment of \$200 is due in summer, the other \$100 in winter, and in 2007, the entire \$300 is due in summer.

Total tax paid over three years remains the same; it's all a matter of when. With this plan, the county gets the money early, and can stow it away to take care of needs as they arise.

Under this reasoning, it is not a tax hike, but merely an early payment plan.

However, after three years, counties are still out the revenue sharing, and three year total tax collections have evened out. Unless there has been substantial growth in taxable base in the county, higher local taxes or deeper cuts in local services are likely.

There's also a six month window where early payment could mean a genuine tax increase. If the property owner disposes of the property, by sale or death, taxes that normally had been due in December already will have been col-

lected in July.

THE MORE critical aspect of the entire budget measure is that it is yet another instance of budgeting by duct tape and baling wire.

Few if any budget solutions adopted in recent years solve any part of overall problems of running state government.

All are stopgap measures, and most of them tend to make long term problems more severe.

Michigan faces a more basic problem: Our tax system as now constituted and compromised by the intane self imposed political mantra of "no new taxes for anything" will not support state services.

Michigan's overall tax structure and procedures need thorough study and drastic overhaul.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Who becomes an officer of the DNR?

To the editor:

Who becomes an officer of the Department of Natural Resources? An incident last July makes us wonder.

We question the judgement of invading a peaceful campsite at midnight because of a vehicle two DNR officers deemed to be improperly parked. This same vehicle had been in the same location for nine hours. It was in no way endangering or inconveniencing others at the camp. To the campers, the chosen parking spot appeared to be ideal.

This very minor misunderstanding resulted in activity that caused anguish to not only family members involved, but to neighboring campers. A man with a here-to-fore excellent

record was arrested in a violent manner. Officers (ignoring other campers' pleas to desist) placed him in handcuffs and took him to the Crawford County jail.

The arresting officers were belligerent and unprofessional.

Traditionally, police officers have been known as "Officers of the Peace." That title is not appropriate for the Department of Natural Resources Officers. What can we do to acquire peaceful and professional DNR employees?

Dianne Madill,

Joan Kaiser,

Margaret Partello,

Harold Partello,

Jim Madill,

and David Henion,

all of Frederic

Who would George Washington have voted for?

To the editor:

John Sullivan seems to feel the current administration are the only ones capable of protecting this country. Well, I think we could use a dash of the old American hard-headedness that says "show me."

The CIA has admitted that, far from crippling terrorist organizations, our President's policies have caused thousands of recruits to flock to the side of the terrorists. One veteran CIA officer who wrote "Imperial Hubris: Why the West is Losing the War on Terror," stated flatly that "Iraq was a gift of epic proportions to Osama bin Laden and those who think like him."

Mr. Sullivan asked who Osama bin Laden would vote

for - but according to "Imperial Hubris" our intelligence community already knows the answer, though it may be a wee bit of a shock to Republicans. They say Osama strongly wants George W. Bush to stay in office. What they don't know is how Osama may decide to act. He has a choice. If he doesn't attack the U.S. before Nov. 2, it can make people believe they're secure under the current administration. If he does attack, it can panic people into voting for the incumbents without understanding how they have actually undermined our security.

Al-Qaeda isn't even the only actor on the stage any more. Everyone with a grudge is now forming independent terror

cells, like the one in Chechnya which seized the school. And our current policies have guaranteed that there are lots and lots more people with grudges now.

By using military tactics in Iraq we have killed a lot of people who resisted invasion. Sadly, we've killed over 10,000 non-combatant Iraqi civilians as well as - three times the number of human souls who died in the World Trade Center. Not all of them kissed their kids and went off to work, because a lot of them were babies, women and old folk sitting in their homes. We call it "collateral damage," as if the shattered human lives were just bricks and mortar. Their surviving family doesn't see

anything "collateral" about it, though. They see it as murder. Every terrorist we "get" by that method creates a dozen new fighters to take his place.

I'd like Mr. Sullivan to ask himself, who would George Washington and the other founding fathers have voted for? A man like himself, who has proven his leadership under fire in the service of his country, or someone who evaded going to war and then attacked the character of the one who did serve? We might get a better president by considering Washington's bravery and service to his country, than by considering Osama's opinion.

Cathy Lester

Grayling

Mr. Reidelberger, you are right on

To the editor:

Mr. Reidelberger, you are right on. You certainly hit the old

Bush "Trail" right on the head.

Art Evon

Grayling

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Any Democrat would be proud to embrace the word 'liberal'

To the editor:

How did the beautiful word "liberal" become a disparaging, derogatory term when appended to the party designation "Democrat"? Look at your Webster's dictionary sometime and see what the word "liberal" truly represents: 1. suitable for a free man, not restricted; 2. giving freely, generous; 3. large or plentiful, ample, abundant; 4. not restricted to the literal meaning; 5. tolerant of views differing from one's own; 6. of democratic or republican forms of government as distinguished from monarchies, aristocracies etc.; 7. favoring political reform or progress tending toward democracy

and personal freedom for the individual, progressive; 8. designating or of a political party upholding liberal principles.

Liberal implies toleration of other's views as well as open mindedness to ideas that challenge tradition, established institutions etc.

It seems to me that any Democrat should be proud to embrace this word and be delighted that it describes us so well. Why apologize for the characteristics that have made the Democratic Party a standard bearer for the "common man"?

LaVerne Greenwood
Frederic

Kudos to Mr. Sullivan

To the editor:

Kudos to Mr. Sullivan, for his letter in the 9/23/04 *Avalanche*. You stated the case of the majority of Americans very well. As an added bonus, this sentiment includes members of all political parties in this country. This is demonstrated by the polls recently conducted in critical swing states. The results show a dramatic shift to President Bush. In my opinion, you would not see such a drastic shift in polling results were this not the case.

John, the reason you did not see any alternative ideas or meaningful arguments from Mr. Reidelberger's letter is because the Liberal Democrats don't have any.

The shrill, hysterical tone of his letter shows just how desperate they are becoming. They have nothing to offer so they slander, and attack the President every chance they get. All I can say to the likes of Mr.

Reidelberger is please keep it up.

You and your fellow Liberal democrats have finally woken the silent majority to just how empty and meaningless your liberal party has become.

We owe our gratitude to Dan Rather and CBS for finally revealing how biased the main stream media is. Because of Fox News, talk shows such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and internet alternatives, these liberal news centers are going down the tubes in ratings. So much for their monopoly on democratic propaganda.

This does not mean we as conservatives can become complacent and take for granted that President Bush will be re-elected in a landslide.

God bless our President, our country and our military.

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BRIEFS

Historical society to hold election

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 5, at 7 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall. Election of Board Members is done each year at this October meeting. If you are interested in a Board of Directors position, wish to vote, or see what is happening, please plan to attend this meeting. Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. and open to members and prospective members.

Animal Shelter Board of Directors to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe in Grayling. Members are encouraged to attend. The public is welcome.

Youth bowling season started

Youth bowling is accepting late registration for Senior League, ages 12 - 18 years old, and Junior and PeeWee League ages 4 - 11 years old. Call 348-8805 or 275-0097 for more information.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, October 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders will be available. Everyone is welcome.

American Legion Auxiliary holds meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on October 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. For more information contact Linda Munsey at 989-348-5911.

Tailgate party to be held at GHS

The Viking Spirit Club will be hosting a fundraising tailgate party on October 1 at 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Grayling High School parking lot.

State Employee Retiree's Assoc. to hold meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retiree's Association, will be held Tuesday, October 5, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Blessing of the Animals to be held

On Sunday October 3, St. Francis' Episcopal Church, M-72 West, will hold a Blessing of the Animals service at 2 p.m. in honor of the Feast Day of its patron saint. There will be prayers of thanksgiving to God for the gifts that the creatures of the earth bring to humanity and all of creation. People are invited to bring their pets to be blessed. All animals should be leashed, caged or under control of their owners. If a particular animal does not tolerate crowds or other animals well, then a picture or token (such as a leash) representing the pet can be brought and prayers of blessings will be offered in absentia for that animal. A free-will offering will be taken and donated to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. For more information call the church office at 348-5850.

Lewiston holds Wine and Harvest Auction

The Lewiston Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the 7th Annual Wine and Harvest Auction on Saturday, October 2, at St. Francis Parish Hall, 3060 Casey St., Lewiston. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a wine tasting and light buffet dinner. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Lewiston Chamber ahead of time or at the door. The highlight of the evening features both a silent and live auction as well as some small raffles. For more information contact the Lewiston Chamber at 989-786-2293.

Free film on media bias to be held

Media bias - liberal or conservative? A free showing of the film "Outfoxed," accompanied by an open discussion of how TV, radio and newspapers influence people's thinking - fairly or unfairly - will be held on Friday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library at 201 Plum St., Grayling. A panel of media representatives and media analysts will talk about how the various media can slant news items, and how the public can hold them accountable. Questions and discussion from the public will follow. Panel members will include Keith Gave, former sportswriter for the Detroit Free Press who is now a PR officer and teacher of journalism at Kirtland Community College. Also expected to be on the panel are local TV and radio persons, and Jeff Smith for GRIID, a non-profit media watchdog group from Grand Rapids. It is hoped that both conservative and liberal members of the public will attend so that different points of view can be fairly represented. This event is sponsored by the Crawford County Peacekeepers.

Annual AMVETS Fall Conference to be held at Grayling Holiday Inn

The 50th annual Fall Conference of the AMVETS Department of Michigan will be held October 1 - 3 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. National Commander William Boettcher of Ohio and National Ladies Auxiliary President Carol King of Maryland will be in attendance.

The Department of Michigan Ladies Auxiliary will host a tea for President King on Saturday. The conference will close with a memorial service on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Boettcher will be visiting

Michigan AMVET Posts and will be at Higgins Lake AMVETS Post #13 on Thursday, September 30. Accompanying him will be: Michigan AMVET Commander John Dowd, Michigan AMVET Executive Director David Mobus, Michigan Sons of AMVETS Commander George McNess, Michigan Sons of AMVETS Executive Director Ken Smith and other State of Michigan AMVET dignitaries. Higgins Lake Post Commander Donald Anderson will greet the entourage.

Open house for forest management plans to be held October 19

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host an Open House Tuesday, October 19, 2004 to provide information and receive public comment on forest management treatments proposed for 2006 in the Grayling Management Unit.

The open house will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Grayling Unit Headquarters located at 1955 N. I-75 Business Loop (Hartwick Pines Road) in Grayling.

Each year, DNR personnel inventory and evaluate about one-tenth of the state forest. The information gathered spans a wide range of social, biological and economic factors. It includes the health, size and age of all vegetative types; wildlife habitat and needs; fisheries considerations; archaeological sites; oil and gas activities; recreational use; wildfire potential; social factors, including proximity to roads and neighborhoods; and existing use on adjacent lands, public and private.

Proposed treatments and management activities are designed to insure the sustainability of the resources and ecosystems. They may include clearcuts, selection cuts, opening maintenance, pathway relocations, prescribed burns, tree planting and road closures.

The open house is an opportunity for the public to review proposed treatments and other management activities and to

provide input toward final decisions on them. It also provides the public with an opportunity to talk with foresters and biologists.

Maps and information that will be available at the open house can be accessed on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr/.

Those unable to attend the open house may submit written comments to: Grayling Forest Management Unit, 1955 N. I-75 BL., Grayling, MI 49738. Written comments should be submitted by the date of the open house.

Those who are unable to view or download the information and would like a set of the compartment reviews and maps should contact John Pilon at 989-732-3541 ext. 5042. If you provide your e-mail address, the information will be sent electronically.

This year's review considers management prescriptions in the following townships in Crawford County: Frederic, Lovells, Grayling, Beaver Creek and South Branch. Several townships in nearby counties will also be affected.

The formal compartment review to finalize prescriptions is scheduled for 9 a.m. November 4, 2004 at the Grayling Forest Unit Office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for these meetings should contact Unit Manager Susan Thiel at 989-348-6371 ext. 7440.

Grayling High School announces upcoming opportunities for students

College Information Night -

The Grayling High School Counseling Department will host an evening for parents and students in grades 9-12 who are considering attending college. The meeting will take place on October 7, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Grayling High School Media Center. Our guest presenter will be Mr. James Dwyer, an admissions counselor from Saginaw Valley State University. Topics will include: selection of appropriate high school courses, standardized tests, co-curricular activities, choosing a college, and financial aid. For an in-depth look at financial aid, the Counseling Department will offer a financial aid seminar on December 9.

PLAN Test offered for high school sophomores - Grayling High School is pleased to offer ACT's PLAN Test to all college-bound sophomores. PLAN is the 10th grade test that provides students an idea of how they may perform on the ACT assessment. The ACT Assessment is taken in the junior or senior year and is used for college admission. In addition to gauging academic achievement, PLAN provides information for educational and career planning. The test will be given at the high school on October 20. The cost for students is \$8.70, and students need

to register at the high school Counseling office by October 4.

PSAT Test offered for high school juniors - The PSAT test is a preview of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test), and is used as a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. It is also used as a qualifier for a scholarship given by Weyerhaeuser Corporation. The test is given nationally, on only two dates. It will be offered at GHS on October 13, during the first three hours of the school day. The cost of the test is \$11 and is due on October 6, the deadline for registration.

Making High School Count-

The Counseling Office of Grayling High School is pleased to announce that the program, "Making High School Count," will be presented to all high school freshman on October 11, at 12:45 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The program engages students in a forty-five minute presentation on the keys to high school success, including: Optimizing the high school experience, grades really matter, outside the classroom, avoid common mistakes and getting it all done. In addition to students, parents are welcome to attend.

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The "Lucky 300 Club" winners for September 5 - Morena Friend; September 12 - Ralph Good; and September 19 - Jan Hard.

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for September 26 - of \$25 each: H. Stairs, Mike McEvers, Paula & Pattie Chapp.

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MOTHER AND SON ACTIVITY NIGHT



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Laura Lebo and Chase Lebo, a Grayling Elementary School first grader, assemble a small shelf at the Mother and Son Activity Night held at the Grayling Elementary School last week.

Book buddy program beginning in Lovells

The book buddy program will kick off this week in Lovells.

Anna Biernat, Librarian at the Lovells Branch of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, came up with the idea for the "one on one" program involving volunteers with senior citizens who are shut-in, in nursing homes, or temporarily unable to get around due to health problems.

Each volunteer will "sponsor" a person to "buddy up" with. The "buddy" can be of their own choosing, or a "buddy" will be found for them.

Each team will set their own

schedule, meeting as often or seldom as desired. In some cases, the need may only be for a short time (as in the case of some temporary physical problem).

The sponsor will bring books, movies, or books on tape to their buddy, and return them to the library when the materials are no longer needed.

All materials will be checked out on the library card of the buddy. In some cases, the sponsor may have to help their buddy get a library card.

If desired, the sponsor can get help from the librarian while selecting materials.

There may also be opportunities for interested volunteers to read to those who have severe sight problems but feel uncomfortable using electronic devices.

Biernat has scheduled several activities for book buddies in the Lovells area. The activities are designed to get everyone in the program together where they can meet everyone involved, learn something new, and enjoy themselves.

The first activity will focus on the harvest, home, family and friends. Jenny Jenkins, chef at Big Creek Lodge will demonstrate ways to make

Thanksgiving festive with new favorites to add to the menu and seasonal decorations for the home. This Harvest Home Celebration will be held November 13 at 2 p.m. at Lovells Township Hall.

Biernat said when she gets the program up and running successfully in Lovells, she plans to expand it to the entire county.

Farm park's corn maze is amazing

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

In its second year of constructing mazes, Wellington Farm Park has done an amazing job.

Last year the corn did not grow high enough for an effective

maze but this year the corn is definitely high enough for the maze to be confounding.

Luckily, there is a guide, of sorts, sitting above the maze to help keep those in the labyrinth from becoming totally confused.

Although, it can't be seen

while on the ground, the maze is cut in the shape of a tractor.

Howard Taylor, owner of the park, said he hopes to keep the maze going through at least Halloween so youngsters can have a chance to visit a ghostly maze.



The corn field was planted in both directions so people could easily get disoriented in the resultant maze. This visitor was proceeding through the maze near the guide's tower.

NCACU appoints new board members

On September 7th North Central Area Credit Union appointed five new members to their official family.

Robert Boyle, from Roscommon has served on the NCACU credit committee in the past. He has been an NCACU member since he moved to Roscommon in 1992. Boyle has an interest in helping the board manage NCACU and is very interested in people and how they are treated. He has a long-time background with credit unions and enjoys working with and for the people.

Barbara Summers is from Grayling, she is a new board

member and co-owner of Summers Dealer Services, a Ford warranty processing & consulting company. Summers moved to Grayling 6 years ago from Livonia with her husband, Brad, and now has two children, Tyler in third grade, and Troy who just started kindergarten. Summers is involved in school and community activities. "I want to have a voice in what products and services the credit union offers," said Summers, "I want to look out for the best interest of our members."

Laura Witt has returned to the board of directors for a new term. Laura served NCACU for 6

years as a board member and left in 2002. "I am really glad to be back, I enjoyed serving on the board and I am glad to contribute for the benefit of the members." Witt has been part owner with her husband Jim of Jim's Collision in Roscommon, since 1986.

The NCACU credit committee has two new members: Kay Cosgray of Grayling, and Vickie Kalmbach of Roscommon.

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Area golfers make annual trip to 'The Rock'

The 9th annual 2004 Annual Rock Hunt golf trip took place on September 12 and 13 at "The Rock" on Drummond Island with 32 local golfers participating.

The golfers traveled by car to "The Rock"

Golf Club where they played an 18 hole scrambles followed by a cocktail hour and dinner with key note speaker, again this year, Irv McIsaac. McIsaac and Mick McNamara made the outing one that will long be remembered.

The big winners for the outing were all of the 32 players who came and enjoyed the golf camaraderie and some of the greatest weather all year.



Rock Hunt golf trip participants: (back row, L to R) Harold Glasslee, Tom McEnhill, Marshall Roe, Dennis Burger, Dennis Williamson, Paul Hetrick, Paul Thomson, Larry Ludeman, Ron Johnston, Pat Money, Mark Hartman, Al Zigala and Vern Hartman; (middle row, L to R) Bill Johnson, Jim Elliot, Bill Holton, Irv McIsaac, Jim Smith, Gary Parkinson, L.D. Norman and Ray Perez; (front row, L to R) Tom Hunt, Darrell Larm, Rob Aubry, Roger Buskirk, Bill Ellison, Paul VanMill, Mick McNamara, Terry Orr, Ron Herron, Ron Fraser and Tom Baker.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 73 complaints the week of September 20 - September 26:

One EMS response, two hazardous situations, five traffic accidents, one accident-non traf-

fic, one traffic violation-civil infraction, one accidents-other, two civil matters/family disputes;

Nine suspicious situations, two missing persons, 11 general non-criminal, two delinquent minors, four false alarms, one

assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, seven larcenies;

One fraudulent activities, four damage to property, eight public peace/disorderly, two health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous

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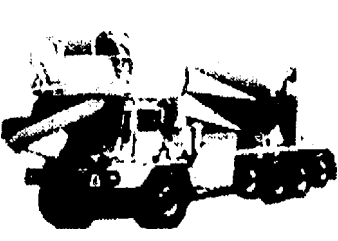
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GMS welcomes new students



The Grayling Middle School "Combo" team welcomed 36 GMS students who are new to the district with a New Student Breakfast September 23. Samara Sabin, waving in the background, and Brad Wagner, at the front table, are part of the combo team which is comprised of the teachers who work with all of the students in the building. The combo teachers provide educational opportunities for the students in art, band, careers, computers, choir, gym, life skills, and Spanish.

Grayling High School Band announces upcoming activities

The Grayling Viking's High School Band has been working on the development of their fall program, "A Trip Through The Calendar Year."

The band starts out in New York on New Year's Day with Auld Lang Syne.

The band continues through February with My Funny Valentine, Danny Boy, a tribute to St. Patrick's Day in March. The band also will perform Pomp and Circumstance (May), School's Out of Alice Cooper (June), a 4th of July parade with Stars and Stripes Forever, August and September will encourage audience participation with Take Me Out To The Ball Game, a Thriller of a time for Halloween,

and will close with a Christmas medley of Carol of the Bells and Jingle Bells.

At the home football game, Friday, October 1, with Traverse City St. Francis, the HS Band will host, as special guests, the Grayling Middle School Eighth Grade Band, to root the home team on in their continued quest for excellence.

The band will perform at all home football games this year. The band has been invited to perform at the Cadillac Marching Band Invitational, Monday, October 4, at Cadillac High School Memorial Stadium. The Grayling Viking Band will perform at 7:00 pm. Some of the other schools that will be partici-

pating include Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Traverse City St. Francis, Traverse City Central, Pine River, Reed City, Harrison, Gladwin, Kingsley, and host Cadillac.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, with a \$10.00 family plan available.

The band will also perform, Monday, October 11, at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 2 Marching Expo, at Traverse City Thirby Field (not Harbor Springs as reported in the CASD calendar). Times and further details will be released as they become available.

Don't forget to visit a parent of

any band member and purchase a chance to win a performance of the Grayling Viking's Marching Band. Raffle tickets are available until the next band booster meeting, to be held on Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 pm, at the Grayling Middle School Band Room.

The winning ticket will be drawn at that time. Last year, the winner donated the band to the Grayling Nursing Centre.

For the latest information about the band program, please visit the school website: www.casdk12.net, click on CASD BAND.

Their band directors are Matthew L. Bishop, and Michael J. Wrobel.

School store opens for alumni tour



Photo courtesy of CASD

T. J. Luke and Tequila Reynolds staffed the School Store at Grayling High School on Saturday, September 25 for the GHS Alumni Association. Thirty-nine members of the association participated in the brunch and walking tours of the high school.

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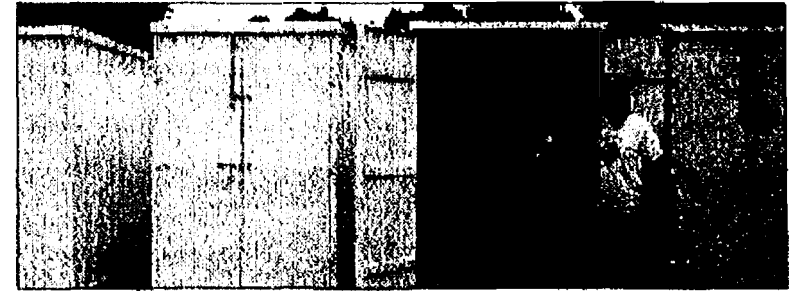
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On The Ballot: November 2 General Election - Crawford County

Most of the races for Crawford County positions feature candidates running unopposed in the November 2 general election.

The following candidates will not face opposition on the November 2 ballot: John B. Huss (R), prosecuting attorney; Kirk A. Wakefield (R), sheriff; Sandra Moore (R), county clerk/register of deeds; Joseph V. Wakeley (R), treasurer; Kathy Rogers (R), commissioner (District 1); Scott M. Hanson (R), commissioner (District 2); Shelley L. Pinkelman (R), commissioner (District 3); Mike Lange (R), commissioner (District 4); David J. Stephenson (R), commissioner (District 5); Rick Anderson (D), commissioner (District 6); Ken Riehle (R), road commission board.

The only contested race in the November election for Crawford County government is the commissioner seat for District 7. The two candidates are Terry Beardslee (R) and Roy V. Spangler (D).

The Crawford County Avalanche mailed questionnaires to each candidate in a contested race and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles:

Terry Beardslee
Republican (Incumbent)

Running For: County Commissioner (District 7)
Terry Beardslee, a mechanical contractor (plumbing, heating, and air conditioning), has served three terms on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. He has also served on District Health Department Board (4 years), NEMCSA Board of Directors (3 years), and the Judicial Committee (2 years).

"I want to be a positive influence on the decision making process of the Board of Commissioners for the people of Crawford County. I want to see downtown Grayling revitalized and encourage the growth of new business in our community," Beardslee said. "I would like to continue working on the final stages of the legal case with the court system concerning the funding of the court budget. I would also like to work with the sheriff concerning ways to fund 24-hour road patrol."

The county's top priorities are: making sure "the budget is balanced and fair for all departments, 24-hour road patrol, and emergency services funding," he said.

"I have been involved in public service for the last 35 years. I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as a Crawford County



Terry Beardslee

Commissioner for the last six years. I feel I will bring to the Board of Commissioners a positive attitude and experience with making wise decisions for the good of Crawford County," Beardslee said.

Beardslee and his wife of 41 years, Gayle, have three sons and five grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and walks in the woods.

Roy V. Spangler
Democrat

Running For: County Commissioner (District 7)

Roy V. Spangler (no photo provided), a retired Michigan State University Extension Director, owns and operates a Bobcat rental business. He currently serves on the Kirtland Community College Board

(with 14 years of total service on the board) and he served on the North Central Area Credit Union Board for nine years. He is a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the VFW.

"My reason for seeking the office of county commissioner is that I see a tremendous need in Crawford County for jobs. The county, city, and townships have great potential with the Four Mile Road project. I am a past member of the Michigan Economic Developers Association and have worked with economic development over 30 years. One of my goals is to work within the private and governmental organizations to expand the local economy," Spangler said. "I have had 25 years experience working in Crawford County government and assisted along with the help of public affairs at MSU in developing the accounting system that is in use today."

"One issue that needs to be addressed is the flow of the South Branch of the AuSable River when the dam at Lake St. Helen is closed. When the legal level was set for Lake St. Helen no minimum flow was established for the river," he said.

Spangler and his wife Betty have two daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and flying model airplanes.

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Michigan Bike Festival held at Hanson Hills

Guests came from as far away as North Carolina and Texas to enjoy the inaugural Michigan Bike Festival, held on September 10 and 11, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

"As guests arrived on Friday night, the friendly faces of our volunteer staff greeted them. At 8 p.m., the Jelly Roll Blues Band - once voted the best local band of the northwest - began to rock the stage! Around the social bonfire, guests enjoyed one of the best nights in recent weeks," event organizers said.

Saturday morning began with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Grayling Youth Booster Club. After breakfast, riders of all abilities joined in on the organized bike rides. Many were riding brand new demo bicycles provided by vendors such as Cannondale, Giant and Specialized. The 29-mile Frederic loop took riders right by Hartwick Pines State Park on the brand new paved bicycle path. The Bicycle Shop, Latitude 45 and Village Bike Shop were on hand to make sure everyone had all of the necessary gear. Many mountain bike riders stayed at Hanson Hills to enjoy the miles of new single track.

"In the afternoon we were amazed and entertained by the skills of the trials riders, including Jonathon Poole, the National Sport Class Trials Champion. JP, as he has become known as, was very professional and courteous to everyone. They put together a trials demo area where riders spent hours watching and practicing what they were shown by JP and his talented crew," event organizers said. "In addition to the trials riders, we had bicyclists that like to ride on only one wheel. We had mountain bike unicyclists performing and riding all over the place. People could even try their hand at riding a unicycle."

The day also included bike games for kids of all ages, tricycle racing, finding buried treasure, and sand volleyball.

The festivities continued on Saturday evening with music by an up-and-coming band out of Grand Haven, Blues Burner. As dusk fell, Frostbitten Grass, a talented bluegrass band out of Marquette, provided music around the social bonfire.

"The inaugural Michigan Bike Festival was a great success," event organizers said.

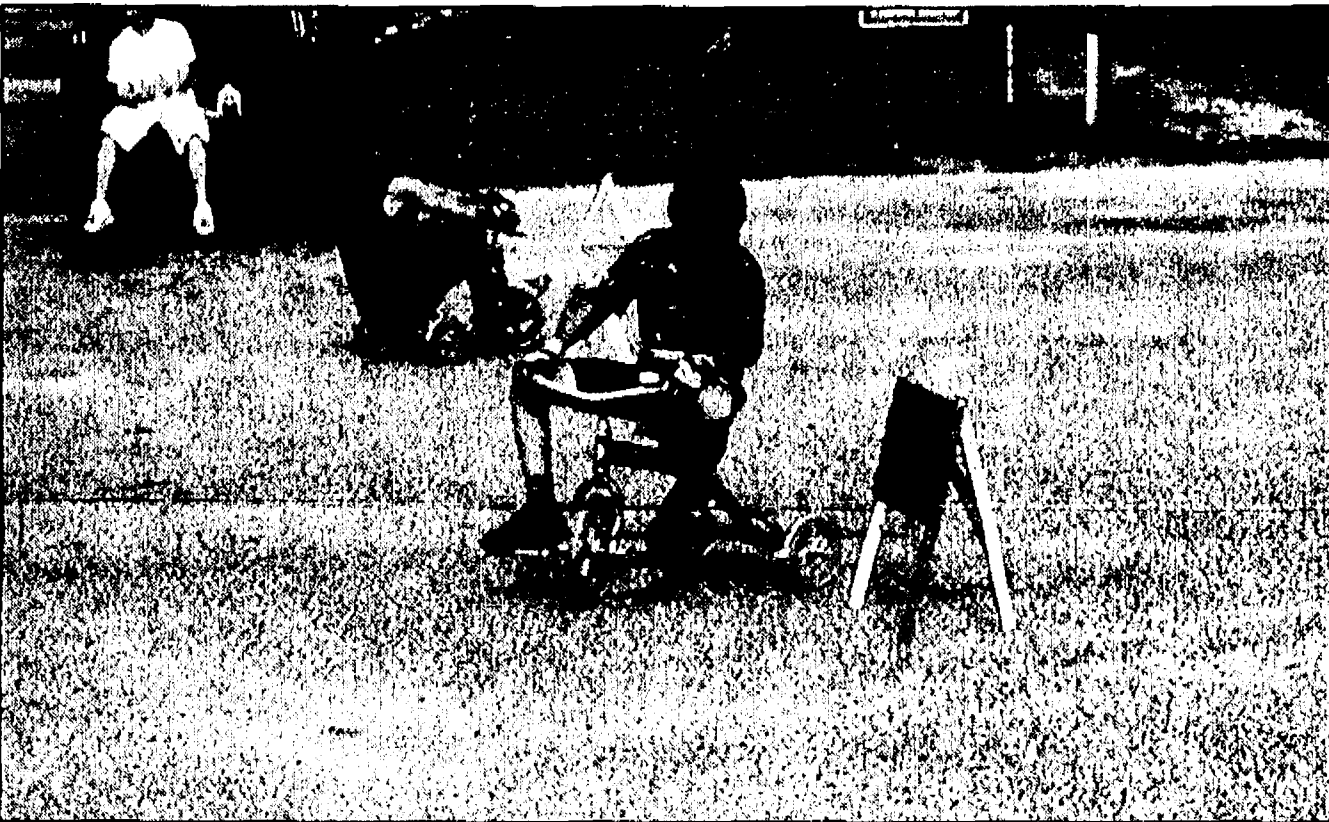
"I had an absolute blast! It was a great event for the whole family. The kids were outside all weekend, we met some great people, and we biked and biked and biked," said Valerie Vander of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kati Fletcher from Kalamazoo said, "It was a really good time, the trails were beautiful, music was great, we really enjoyed ourselves and were glad we made the decision to go. See you next year!"

"(Our volunteer staff) worked hard for over a year to bring the festival to Hanson Hills. Without (the support of our sponsors) we never could have had a festival," event organizers said.



Trials rider Jonathon Poole performs at the Michigan Bike Festival.



The Michigan Bike Festival, held September 10-11 at Hanson Hills, included bicycling events for all ages with many different types of bikes, including tricycles.



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By Ernie Harwell

When it comes to health, there are many factors involved. Some we can't control. Genetics certainly play a part. I've been blessed with good genes and good health, but it's important to remember just how much of our lives we can control to stay healthy and fit, and then just decide to do what's best for ourselves.

It all comes down to a matter of choices.

We can choose to eat junk foods, or we can choose healthy foods, lean meats, fish, fresh fruits and vegetables. I happen to like okra, but that's my choice. When buying prepared foods, read the labels and choose foods that are low in sodium and saturated fats. Instead of watching television, we can go for a walk and breathe some fresh air to work our heart and lungs. We can stay up late or we can choose to get the right amount of sleep. Soon those choices become routine and one healthy choice will lead to another.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Friday, October 1 - Lunch - chicken fried steak, oven roasted

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Monday, October 4 - Lunch - beef goulash, winter blend vegetables, sweet and sour carrots and pudding; Dinner - Swedish meatballs, european blend, corn and pumpkin custard. 12 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, October 5 - Lunch - tuna noodle casserole, winter

squash, peaches and apple crisp; Dinner - Chicken Kiev, baked potato, peas and carrots and pineapple. 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

Wednesday, October 6 - Lunch - Open-face BBQ beef sandwich, spinach, cheesy mashed potatoes and pears; Dinner - Swiss Steak, scalloped potatoes, carrots and apple-carrot salad. 9:30 a.m. Commodities @ St. Mary's, 10:00 a.m. hearing clinic, 10:00 a.m. line dancing, 12:00 p.m. Stag Club, and 5:30 p.m. Burger King Bingo.

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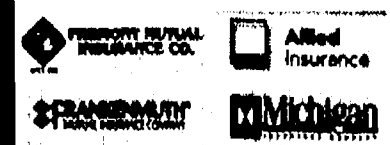
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On The Ballot: November 2 General Election – Grayling Township

On the November 2 general election ballot, the only contested race for elected Grayling Township positions will be the one for two trustee seats.

Trustee candidates on the November 2 ballot for Grayling Township will include Republicans Shawn M. Kraycs and Dennis J. Long and Democrat Carolyn Ward DiPonio.

The candidates for township supervisor (Terry Wright), clerk (Monica Ashton), treasurer (Ruth O'Mara), and constable (Jack Best) – all Republicans – will not face opposition on the November 2 ballot.

The Crawford County Avalanche mailed questionnaires to each candidate in a contested race and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles:

Carolyn Ward DiPonio
Democrat

Running For: Trustee

Carolyn Ward DiPonio, a podiatrist, is a current member of the township's planning commission.

"I have always been interested in how the government func-

tions. I have never had time to run for office until now. I think it is important to have people involved in government who have experience working in the private sector. I have run my own practice for many years and feel I have a lot of knowledge to bring to the table," DiPonio said. "I would also like to work toward having our three government entities work together for the betterment of all citizens and perhaps at a savings of taxpayer funds."

"We need more industry in Crawford County so that we can have a more diverse tax base. I am hopeful the new economic development commission will make great strides in that direction," DiPonio said. "The township needs more industry also. More tax money coming in would mean that more benefits would be coming back to the citizens of Grayling Township."

"If I am elected township trustee, I will attend education seminars on township government to make myself a better informed trustee so that I can do a great job for the residents of Grayling Township," DiPonio

added.

DiPonio and her husband Michael have two adult children, Tony and Chris.

In her spare time, she enjoys golfing, reading, and gardening. She is a member of Grayling Promotional Association and is a board member of the Crawford County Fund of the North Central Community Foundation.

Shawn M. Kraycs
Republican

Running For: Trustee

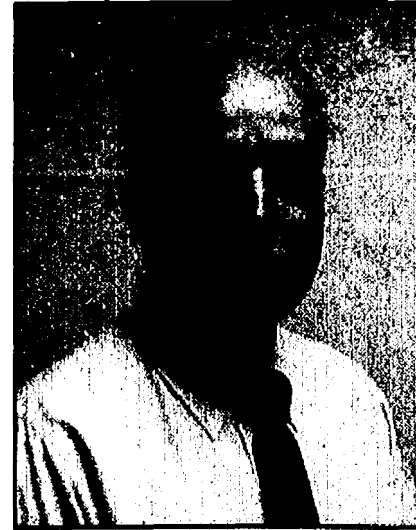
Shawn M. Kraycs (no photo provided), a law enforcement officer and Michigan National Guard member, has served as Undersheriff the last two-and-a-half years, "managing budgets, planning, organizing, and sustaining police and jail operations at the Sheriff's Office," he said.

"If elected, I hope to hold office with the same level of professionalism and integrity of those whom have served before me. I would like to maintain and expand on the organization's effectiveness through community involvement and commitment," Kraycs said.

"As a member of this commu-



Carolyn Ward DiPonio



Dennis J. Long

nity for over 36 years I have learned that it is more effective if you become part of the solution than to be part of the problem. My wish to get involved in township government is solely to provide the leadership and organization that will continue to promote our community as a fun and interesting place to visit and live," he said.

"The issues facing Crawford County are not unique to just our community. We come to expect a level of service that has slowly been reduced over the last several years due to a shrinking tax base and increased level operat-

ing. The fix is not an easy one and my only hope is to help Grayling Township with an enthusiastic and dedicated presence," Kraycs said. "If chosen to serve the great citizens of Grayling Township I would make one promise. The promise is to become part of the solution."

Kraycs and his wife Joanne have a son, Shane, and a daughter, Shae-lin.

In his spare time, he enjoys camping, golfing, and working on his house.

Dennis J. Long
Republican

Running For: Trustee

Dennis J. Long, a police officer, served four terms on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners (1990-98). He has been a public employee for 32 years as a police officer in Saginaw and Grayling, and he also served with the United States Coast Guard.

"I would like to give to the community some of my time and talents to address new ideas to make Grayling Township a safe, friendly, and pleasant place to live for all its residents," Long said.

"I would hope to address the lack of police protection for township residents between the hours of midnight and noon. I would also like to work on the lake use issue and bring a reasonable solution to all parties involved. I believe that the township should concentrate more on quality of life issues for residents. The township should spend more time on enhancing its natural qualities and less on commercialization," he said.

"As for problems facing Grayling Township and Crawford County as they relate to each other, I believe one word can sum them up, 'priorities.' Communities must first establish their priorities. Those priorities must reflect the consensus of all the members of that community," Long said.

"Elected officials are sometimes referred to as community leaders. I believe the term used should be community servants. The job of government is to collectively provide only those services that individuals find either impractical or impossible to provide for themselves," he said.

Long and his wife Judy have three daughters: Jenny, Kimmy, and Tammy.

Long enjoys golf, jogging, and boating in his spare time, and he is active with the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church of Grayling.

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- ▶ Week #1: Grayling edges Roscommon 17-14 in overtime to open 2004 season
- ▶ Week #2: Vikings defeat Houghton Lake 29-6 at Grayling High School
- ▶ Week #3: GHS wins league opener at Elk Rapids 26-8

- ▶ Week #4: Team posts 41-0 shut-out at Harbor Springs for fourth win
- ▶ Week #5: GHS wins homecoming game with 48-14 victory over Kalkaska
- ▶ Week #6: Vikings to host Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, October 1, at 7 p.m.

Grayling moves to 5-0 with 48-14 victory over Kalkaska

Viking running back rushes for 219 yards and three TDs in homecoming game

■ GHS improves league record to 3-0 with fifth straight victory

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

In front of a large homecoming night crowd, Grayling High School's varsity football team extended its unbeaten streak to five games with a 48-14 victory

over the visiting Kalkaska Blazers on Friday.

The Vikings opened the game with a 58-yard, 8-play scoring drive. Grayling finished the series with an eight-yard TD run by Joey Bancroft. The extra point kick was blocked. GHS led 6-0.

Kalkaska tried to punt on 4th and 10, but the snap was low and the punter had to cover the loose ball, ending the series on

downs. The Vikings took over at Kalkaska's 36-yard line.

Bancroft ran for 19 yards on first down. On the next play, a run by Bancroft picked up 12 more yards. On 2nd and goal from the 6-yard line, Grayling scored a TD on a six-yard run by Bancroft. James Haven kicked the extra point, and Grayling led 13-0 with 4:52 left in the first quarter.

After the kick-off, on 1st and

10 for Kalkaska, the Blazers fumbled and Bobby Starks recovered the ball for Grayling.

On 2nd and 9 from Kalkaska's 33, Starks hit Gibson Tobin with a deep pass for a touchdown. With the extra point kick by Haven, the Vikings had a 20-0 lead with 4:00 remaining in the first period.

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Homecoming king and queen crowned at halftime



Photo by Caleb Casey

At halftime of Friday night's football game, the homecoming king and queen for 2004 were announced. This year's homecoming king and queen are Travis Brush and Stacey Brown. The Class of 2005 won the Spirit Cup this year.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Joey Bancroft leans toward the goal line during a first half touchdown run in last Friday's game against Kalkaska. Bancroft finished the game with 219 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

Golf team wins three league meets

■ Grayling posted for a run at 2004 Lake Michigan Conference title

The GHS boys golf team won three league golf meets last week and is poised to win a Lake Michigan conference championship.

On Monday, the Vikings finished first at a league meet hosted by Charlevoix at Belvedere.

Team scores: 1) Grayling 156; 2) Traverse City St. Francis 161; 3) Charlevoix 171; 4) Elk Rapids 174; 5) Harbor Springs 184; 6) Boyne City 186; 7) Kalkaska 188; 8) East Jordan 220.

Grayling scores: Derek Johnston 38, Ryan Davis 36, James Walker 41, Josh Hinkle 44, Ron Johnston 41, Jack Hagerman 51.

"A very solid round from our boys on a difficult track. Ryan Davis' 36 took medalist honors. This was our fourth league win in five events," Coach Herb Olson said.

On Tuesday, Grayling edged TCSF by one stroke to take first place in a league meet held at Grayling Country Club.

Team scores: 1) Grayling 157;

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 See "GOLF TEAM..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Josh Hinkle hits a tee shot in last Tuesday's league meet at Grayling Country Club.

Grayling wins at Roscommon 53-34



Photo by Caleb Casey

Trisha Petersen takes a jump shot for Grayling in last week's varsity girls basketball game at Roscommon. Petersen had a team-high 28 points for the Vikings in their 53-24 win over the Bucks. For more, see Page 2B.

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Grayling wins at Roscommon 53-34

Vikings finish Thursday's game strong with a 20-11 fourth quarter

The GHS varsity girls basketball team defeated the Roscommon Bucks by a final score of 53-34 at RHS last Thursday.

The Vikings led 10-6 after one quarter and had a 22-10 advantage at halftime. Grayling led 33-23 going into the fourth period. In the fourth quarter, the Vikings outscored their opponent 20-11 to seal the victory.

"I am really proud of the way we responded after our defeat from Charlevoix. I like our

aggressive attitude. I saw girls making things happen on the offensive end tonight. Both Trisha Petersen and Katie Baynham played fearless as they took the ball to the hoop and created shots for themselves by moving off the ball," Coach L.J. Mead said. "Mandy Czapek continues to take care of business on the glass as she racked up another 16 rebounds. Jodi Riddle and Andrea Southard played strong off the bench. Our defense is strong. We are only giving up an average of 42 points a game. We had 16 steals against Roscommon, which led to a lot of lay-ups at the other end."

For Grayling, Petersen had a team-high 28 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 8 steals; Baynham had 11 points and 3 assists; Czapek had 9 points, a team-high 16 rebounds, and 8 blocks; and Kelly Dunckley had 3 points and 4 rebounds.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost to the unbeaten Rayders of Charlevoix at Charlevoix by a final score of 66-23.

"We ran into a strong team - Charlevoix is undefeated and ranked second in the state. They outplayed us from start to finish," Coach Mead said.

Czapek had 13 points, 18 rebounds, and 5 blocks for GHS. Michelle McGuire added 10



Kelly Dunckley takes an inside shot for Grayling at Roscommon.



Katie Baynham handles the ball for the Vikings in last Thursday's victory over the Bucks.

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GMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

8th grade 'A' and 'B' team

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade girls basketball 'A' team lost to the Boyne City Ramblers 32-11 at GMS last Wednesday.

"Grayling played good defense, holding Boyne to zero points in the fourth," Coach Renea Martin said.

Laura Boylan had seven points for GMS. Leigha Stevens and Jessica Bindschattel also scored points for the Vikings.

Grayling's 'B' team lost to Boyne City 38-18.

Chelsea Partello scored eight points for the Vikings. Laura Johnson had four, Krista Schultz had four, and Nicole Metzner scored two.

On September 20, the 'B' team

lost by two at East Jordan, 15-13.

Metzner and Liz Dandy led GMS with seven points apiece.

The 'A' team also lost to East Jordan. Boylan led Grayling with 10 points.

On September 15, the 'A' team lost by three points in a home game vs. Harbor Springs, 29-26.

Boylan had 12 points for the Vikings. Alyssa Lewis added four. Brianna Farrell, Ashley Witherall, Sam Schreiber, Hailey McMahon, and Jessica Bindschattel all had two points each.

"Alyssa Lewis and Laura Boylan were great on the boards and Ashley Witherall and Sam Schreiber had a great defensive game," Coach Martin said.

In Grayling's season opener on September 13, the 'A' team lost at Charlevoix 36-5. Stevens,

Prosser, and Kayla Hawes scored for GMS.

The 'B' team fell to Charlevoix 18-11.

Metzner had eight points and Johnson and Kolka also scored for GMS.

"The girls played a good defensive game and got many shots off offensively, but had difficulty sinking the ball," Coach Martin said.

The Vikings play at Traverse City St. Francis on October 4.

7th grade team

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team lost to East Jordan last Monday 44-9.

Nicole Bobenmoyer, Grace Calkins, Jessica Zarnick, Kelsey Neuberger, and Ashley Feldhauser all scored points for Grayling.

"East Jordan has an incredible

team that has been playing ball together for some time. Although the score doesn't reflect it, Grayling showed a tremendous amount of heart and never quit trying," Coach Bruce McGuire said. "Nicole Bobenmoyer was strong in getting the ball down the court and was Grayling's leader for this game. Jessica Zarnick gave us some great minutes on both offense and defense. I'm very proud of her progress. Kelsey Neuberger scored her first basket of the season on a nice little short range set shot. Jennifer Denton went out in the fourth quarter with a knee injury. We hope that she will be okay and back with us as soon as possible."

The Vikings play at Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids next week.

REDSKINS FOOTBALL

Freshman 1

The Freshman 1 Grayling Redskins have won three games in a row, improving the squad's season record to 4-2.

The streak started on September 12 with an 18-0 victory over the Ogemaw Browns.

Jensen Aubry had two touchdowns for Grayling and Steven Enos scored one. Craig Collen and Luke Schneider combined for over 100 yards rushing. Nick McDonald and Ethan Lewis each had a 40-yard pass reception.

"On defense, Zach Randall, Ryan Randall, Daniel Sleeper, and Ethan Lewis had great

games," Coach John Schneider said.

On September 18, the Redskins defeated the Houghton Lake Jaguars 13-6.

Z. Randall caught two touchdown passes from Aubry. "Also, Collen, Schneider, and Enos ran well again in the victory," Coach Schneider said. "The defense stepped up their game after giving the Jags a touchdown on the first play of the game. Steven Enos, Ryan Randall, Griffin Dean, Justin Brewer, Devon Dawson, and Cody Meyers elevated their games and played very well."

The Redskins won their third straight game with a 6-0 victory over the Standish Lions on September 25.

Jason Renaud set up the only score of the game with a 30-yard run. Aubry threw a touchdown pass to Daniel Sleeper, which proved to be the game winner.

On defense, "Cody Meyers and Steven Enos led the way with numerous tackles. Jared Carlisle, Preston Barr, and Ryan and Zach Randall were also major parts of the shut-out. On offense, Luke Schneider and Cody Meyers ran very well against a good Lion defense. Steven Enos also had a good game grinding out yards rushing," Coach Schneider said.

"We have come a long way from the first part of the season on both sides of the ball. The kids have worked hard and it's showing in the last three games," Coach Schneider said.

The Redskins will finish their 2004 season with a game against the Gladwin Giants at Gladwin on Saturday, October 2.

Freshman 2

The Grayling Redskins Freshman 2 team moved to 6-0 with a 19-6 victory over the Ogemaw Browns at Redskin Field on Saturday.

"Our defense was again a big part of our success. They played four quarters of aggressive and stingy ball. On defense we had 10 sacks or tackles for a loss and forced a fumble, which was recovered by (Kyle) Carter," Coach Larry Duvall said. "On offense, we had big gains from (Zach) Wolcott's long passes to (Zane) Tobin and (Tyler) Brigham. (Daniel) Duvall had some big runs for us also. Jake Helsel stepped up big, moving to the center position as both our starting and back-up centers were injured."

Offensive leaders for Grayling were: Duvall, 81 yards rushing on five carries; Trevor Dewitt, 49 yards on four carries with one TD; Helsel, 16 yards on two carries with one TD; David Bergan, 13 yards on three carries; Carter, 13 yards on two carries with one extra point run; Brigham, one reception (28 yards), one TD; Tobin, two receptions (39 yards); Michael Harmon, three catches (21 yards); Cody Elmy, one catch for six yards; Wolcott, 4 for 9 passing with 23 yards rushing on two carries.

On defense, Wolcott had 10 tackles; Tobin had 6; Bergan 5; Helsel, Carter, Brigham and Austin Harris had 4 each; and Camren Wilson and Duvall had 3 each.

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On Thursday, Trisha led Grayling with 28 points and hit 16 of 13 free throw attempts in the team's 53-34 victory at Roscommon. She also had 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 8 steals.

Bucks win JV basketball game

■ Vikings fall to Charlevoix and Roscommon in road matches

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball team lost two games on the road last week.

On Thursday, the Vikings played at Roscommon in a contest the Bucks won by a final score of 50-36.

"Roscommon has a strong shooting game," Coach Kelly McCoy said. "This was the first game back for two of our injured players. We will improve as the girls get back into their flow. Monica Leslie really contributed as a leading scorer off the bench. The game took a different style when Krystal Babbitt stepped onto the court - she played tremendous defense and brought a new meaning to the word 'aggressive.'"

Leslie led GHS with 10 points; Ashley Bindschattel had 5 points; Amber Palmer scored 4 points;

Babbitt, Kelly Lange, and Danielle Williams had 2 points each; and Jessica Bobenmoyer scored 1 point.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost at Charlevoix 67-13.

"Charlevoix has a strong team and program. We had difficulty with breaking their press and strong defense. Amber Palmer did a great job hustling and boxing out. We had a short bench and the girls played hard the whole game," Coach McCoy said.

For Grayling: Lange had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals; Bobenmoyer had 4 points and 1 rebound; Abby Wheeler had 4 points, 1 rebound, and 1 block; Palmer had 6 rebounds, 1 block, and 1 steal; Babbitt had 3 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals; Ali Ferrigan had 2 rebounds; and Williams had 1 rebound.

The Vikings will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, September 30. Next week, the team plays at Harbor Springs and Harrison.



Abby Wheeler passes off to a teammate in last Thursday's JV game at Roscommon High School.

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Krystal Babbitt takes a jump shot for GHS in last week's game at Roscommon.



Ali Ferrigan shoots from underneath the basket on Thursday night.

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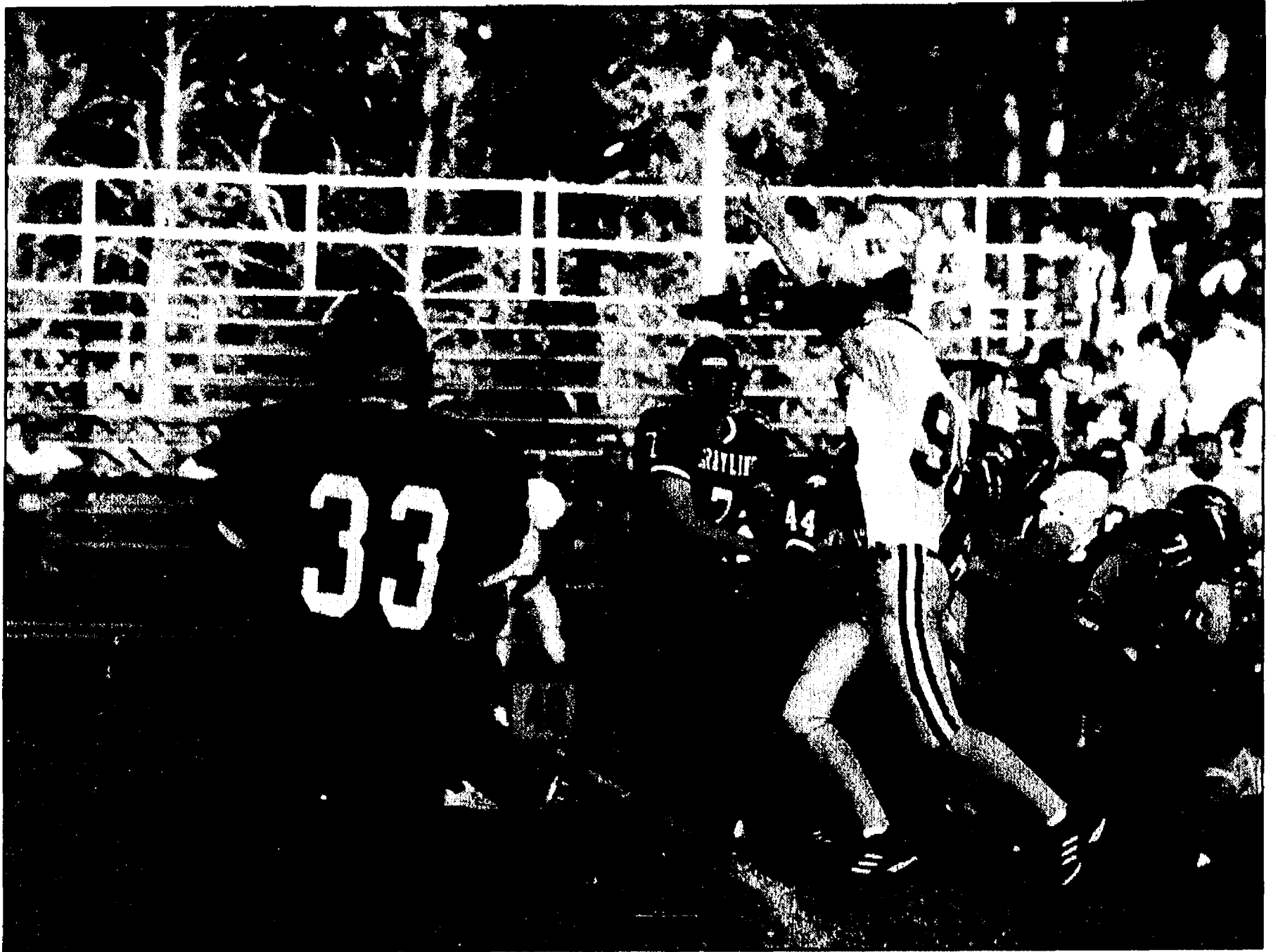
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Bobby Starks throws a pass to Gibson Tobin on the first play from scrimmage on Friday night.

Grayling moves to 5-0 with 48-14 victory over Kalkaska

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Kalkaska's next drive ended in an interception by Zac Baker.

The next three possessions — two by Grayling and one by the Blazers — ended with punts.

With the first half winding down, Kalkaska drove from its 21-yard line into Grayling territory, but the series ended on downs with an incomplete pass on 4th and 9.

The Vikings took over at their own 40-yard line with 32 seconds left in the half. A pass from Starks to Baker picked up 13 yards. A pass to Bancroft gained 10 more yards. Grayling called another time-out to stop the clock at 0:19. On 1st and 10 from the 37, Starks threw a deep pass to Eli VanNuck. The ball was tipped, but VanNuck adjusted and made the catch falling into the end zone to score the touchdown. Haven kicked the extra point.

The Blazers knelt after the kick-off to kill the last few seconds of the first half. Grayling led 27-0 at halftime.

Kalkaska got the ball first to start the third quarter. On the second play of the drive (2nd and 8), the Blazers broke free for a 65-yard touchdown run. The extra point kick was wide right.

Grayling answered. On the second play of their drive (also 2nd and 8), the Vikings scored a touchdown on a 65-yard run by Bancroft. With the extra point kick by Haven, GHS led 34-6.

Grayling's defense forced a Kalkaska punt, but the Vikings fumbled the kick and the Blazers recovered at Grayling's 24-yard line. On the second play of the resulting series, the Blazers scored on a 20-yard pass play. Kalkaska went for two on the conversion try and scored it with a pass into the end zone. The Vikings led by 20, 34-14.

Grayling ran three plays and punted. Kalkaska moved the ball from its 33 to Grayling's 18 but the drive stalled and the Blazers turned the ball over on downs.

On 3rd and 5, Grayling fumbled and Kalkaska recovered at Grayling's 28-yard line.

Kalkaska picked up a first down with two runs and a pass. Three plays later, on 4th and 8, the Blazers tried a field goal. The



James Haven kicks an extra point in last Friday's game vs. Kalkaska.

kick fell short. Grayling took over at its 20-yard line.

Two runs by Kevin LaTrelle and a pass from Starks to Bancroft picked up a first down for GHS. Runs by LaTrelle, Bancroft, and Starks moved the chains again. Bancroft broke free for a 33-yard run on 1st and 10. The run, plus a 15-yard personal foul penalty on Kalkaska, brought up 1st and goal at the 4-yard line for GHS. On 2nd and goal at the 1-yard line, Starks scored on a plunge up the middle. Haven kicked the extra point.

On the first play of Kalkaska's next drive, the Blazers fumbled and Maverick Ginther recovered the loose ball for GHS.

On 3rd and 5 from the Kalkaska 27, Starks completed a short pass to VanNuck, who side-stepped a defender and took the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. With the extra point kick by Haven, Grayling led 48-14.

The Blazers punted after three plays and Grayling ran the clock out.

The Vikings won by a final score of 48-14, improving their conference record to 3-0 and moving their overall record to 5-0.

Bancroft finished the game with 219 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Starks was 12 of 15 for 166 yards passing with four total touchdowns (three passing, one rushing). VanNuck had 88 receiving yards with two touchdowns and Tobin had 56 yards receiving with one touchdown.

On defense, Andrew Woolsey had 10 tackles and one sack for

the Vikings. Matt Swope added nine tackles and LaTrelle had eight. Baker had an interception. "Our execution on offense was tremendous tonight. Kalkaska double covered Tobin and that opened up holes for Bancroft to run through. Then, once they adjusted and put more guys in the box, we torched them through the air," Coach Ben Brock said. "Gibson Tobin's TD catch and Eli VanNuck's two TD catches impressed me. I liked the way they both focused on the ball that Starks threw. It was pure concentration by both of them."

"Bancroft ran hard and the offensive line was dominant the entire game. It's nice to finally have our offense clicking at the right time. We will definitely

need to be at the top of our game next week. Traverse City St. Francis is a great team with a great program. We'll see what we can do to try to stay with them," Coach Brock said.

Grayling has scored 89 points in its last two games and is averaging 32.2 points per game so far this season. The Vikings are giving up an average of 8.4 points per game.

On Friday, October 1, the Vikings will host the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis at 7 p.m. Before the game, the Viking Spirit Club will be hosting a tailgate party (food will be available) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Grayling High School parking lot.

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Kevin LaTrelle runs the ball for GHS.

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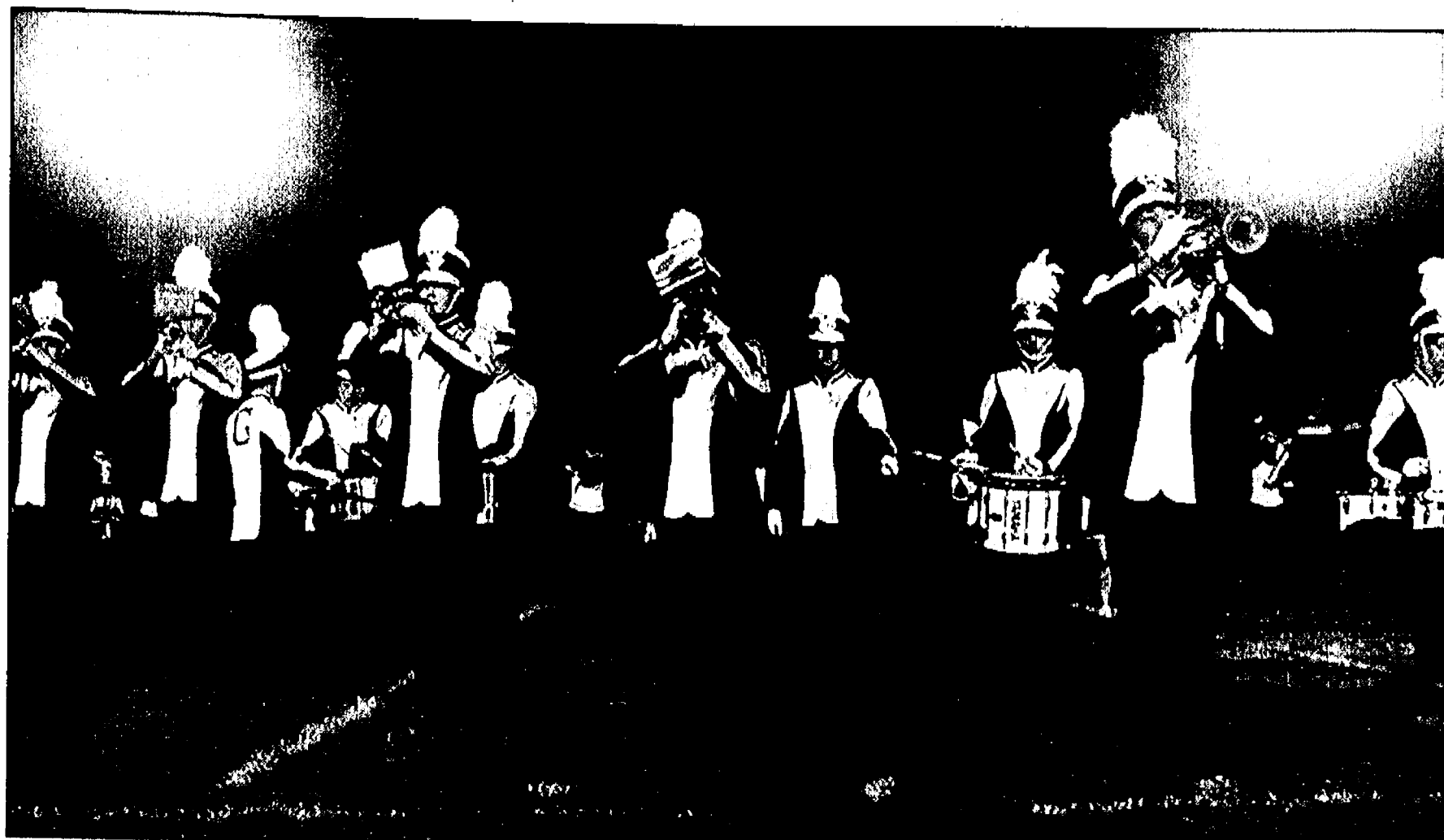
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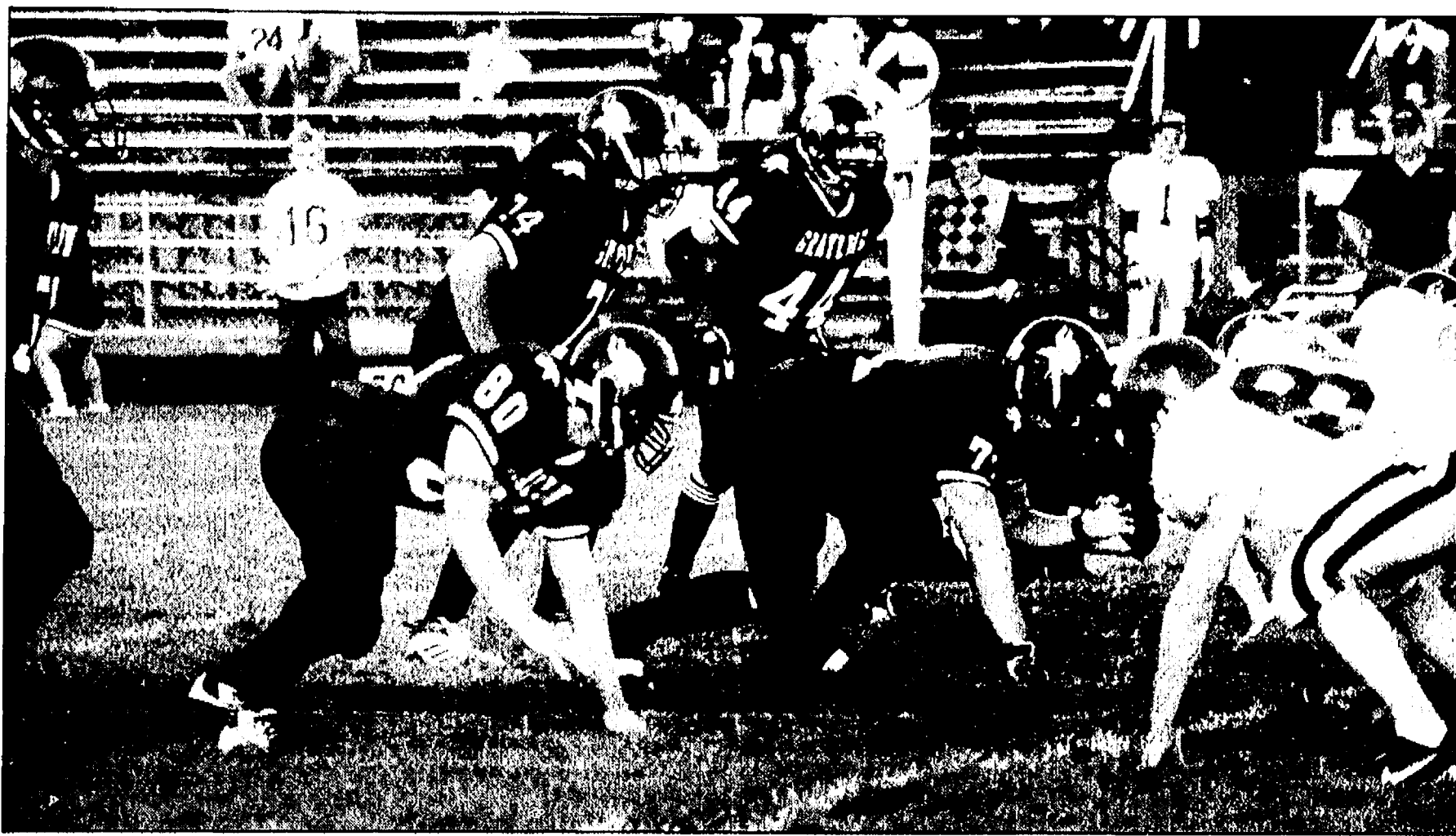
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Grayling moves to 5-0 with 48-14 victory over Kalkaska



Grayling's defensive unit gets ready for a Kalkaska snap in last week's 48-14 victory over the Blazers at Grayling High School.



Joey Bancroft carries the ball for Grayling on Friday night.

JV Vikings defeat Blazers 47-13

■ Grayling wins junior varsity football contest at Kalkaska

Grayling High School won last Thursday's junior varsity football game at Kalkaska by a final score of 47-13.

The Vikings led 26-0 at halftime and took a 34-6 advantage into the fourth period.

For Grayling, Tim VanNuck rushed for 105 yards on 20 carries with one touchdown. Ryan Cooper ran the ball 10 times for 58 yards with three touchdowns. Quarterback Jeff Bancroft was 4 for 6 for 56 yards with 1 touchdown through the air and had 24 yards rushing on nine carries.

with one touchdown on the ground. Adam Gabriel had two receptions for 42 yards and one touchdown and Jon George had a 63-yard kick-off return for GHS.

"Tim VanNuck was a workhorse at fullback - he left it all on the field," Coach Ron Wyman said.

On defense, Corey Metzger led the Vikings with 15 tackles.

"Our kids came ready to play a smash-mouth game this week and they executed," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Rob Schultes had a big game blocking on offense. Our defense played well causing five fumbles and one interception."

The Vikings will host Traverse City St. Francis at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 30.

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Individual scores for the Vikings: D. Johnston 43; Davis 37; Hinkle 38; R. Johnston 40; Walker 42; Hagerman 43.

"Another squeaker over Michigan's number one rated Division 4 team," Coach Olson said. "We also had some very nice scores from our B team. Pat McNally shot 40, Joel Collins 41, Brady Ward 42, Brandon Himmel 43, Rocky McNamara

44, Jason Wilson 45, Andrew Hart 48, Isaac VanNuck 61, and Reid Holzbauer 63. The B team's 166 would have taken 3rd in the LMC varsity tourney."

On Thursday, at a league meet hosted by Elk Rapids at Ag A Ming, the Vikings won for the third time in a week.

Team scores: 1) Grayling 161; 2) Traverse City St. Francis 167; 3) Harbor Springs 172; 4) Charlevoix 188; 5) Kalkaska 199; 6) Boyne City 205; 7) Elk Rapids 187; 8) East Jordan 208.

Individual scores: D. Johnston 43; Davis 39; Hinkle 41; R. Johnston 42; Walker 43; Ward 39.

"Brady Ward's best-ever varsity tourney. And another team best for Ryan Davis. Brady and Ryan led our team to their 6th league win. This win means even a second place finish at the LMC Final Tournament will sew up our League Championship," Coach Olson said.

The JV team placed 3rd out of seven teams at Grandview in Kalkaska on Wednesday.

"In a 3rd place team finish, Jason Wilson finished his round solidly, shooting 42. Jason had the 3rd best round of the day. The Traverse City St Francis JVs won with a 179. We shot 196," Coach Olson said.

The Vikings will compete in the Traverse City Central Invitational on October 1.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Derek Johnston sets up for a tee shot in last Tuesday's conference meet at Grayling Country Club.

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Ron Johnston (left) and James Walker (right) putt for the Vikings during a Lake Michigan Conference meet at Grayling Country Club last week.

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Vikings of the Week

Ryan Davis **James Walker**

Boys Golf
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RYAN DAVIS & JAMES WALKER

Ryan averaged 37 in his four league matches to lead his team to four straight wins. James shot his first ever under par round and was the team's best in the last regular season league tourney of the year.

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9th grade team falls to Roscommon



Photos by Caleb Casey

Rachel Doremire takes an inside shot against the Bucks in last week's 9th grade girls basketball game between Grayling and Roscommon at RHS. The Bucks won the contest 39-25.



Jessie Baker drives toward the basket for Grayling in last Thursday's freshman girls basketball game at Roscommon High School.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn16
Holiday Inn14
Growlers Pub12
Legion11
Sawmill I10
Sawmill III9
5 Ball run: Rose (Frederic Inn), Patsey (Holiday Inn), and Annette (Growlers Pub). 6 Ball run, Tonya (Growlers Pub).	

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Burr, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Washington Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on June 26, 2001 in Liber 539 on Page 356, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Thirty-Five And 82/100 Dollars (\$63,035.82), including interest at

9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 20, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 1, original plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 16, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For National City Home Loan Services, Inc. f/k/a Altegra Credit Company, a Delaware Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #023781F03

-16-23-30-7

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leandro Lambaria, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2002, and recorded on December 7, 2002 in Liber 605 on Page 146, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Ninety And 79/100 Dollars (\$74,090.79), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 13, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County,

Michigan, and are described as: a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31 and running thence North on the North and South 1/4 line, 893.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 100.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 188.0 feet; thence South 100.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West, 188.0 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 9, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #033979F01

-9-16-23-30

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Perry J. Fremont Jr., a single man, to Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company), mortgagee, dated June 14, 1999 and recorded July 7, 1999 in Liber 485, Page 353, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine and 43/100 Dollars (\$45,839.43) including interest at the rate of 7.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 20, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 35, 36, 37 and 38 Northern Heights Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: September 16, 2004
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions

duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company), As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 200.1198
JM

-16-23-30-7-14

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6877-DE
Estate of Allan Joseph Tieppo, Deceased

Date of Birth: 4-27-32
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Allan Joseph Tieppo, who lived at 4157 E. Pioneer, Roscommon, Michigan, 48653, died July 16, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ann Marie Rickman, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: September 20, 2004
Randall M. Blau (P53420)
2000 Town Center, Suite 900
Southfield, MI 48075-1100
248-355-0300
Ann Marie Rickman
198 Davis
Wyandotte, MI 48192
734-283-0594

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE NEED FOR ROAD ASSESSMENT ON GREENTREE ROAD

Grayling Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 13th, 2004, at 7:45 p.m., in the township meeting room, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will take public comment on the need for a special road maintenance assessment under Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, on Greentree Road.

Residents, property owners and other citizens who have an interest in this proposed assessment are encouraged to attend. If attendance is not possible, written comments will be read if received prior to the meeting. Send any written comments to: Terry Wright, Supervisor, PO Box 521; Grayling, Michigan 49738.

If the township board determines the need for a special assessment on Greentree Road, a second public hearing will be set to determine how the costs will be spread among the adjoining residents and general users of the road.

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Grayling Township

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOUGH'S HIGHLAND ACRES AND DALE STREET

As of September 15, 2004, Grayling Township had received 12 signed approval statements from residents in your subdivision for the purpose of assessing residents for road improvements, to include the paving of all Highland Acres roads plus Dale Street.

As stated in the correspondence you had previously received from Grayling Township, the number of approvals must be more than 50-percent of property owners to consider a special assessment under Public Act 188 of 1954.

Twelve signed approvals represents approximately 20-percent of the total property owners in the subdivision. Therefore, Grayling Township will drop this project from its list of prospective assessment projects.

Thank you for your participation. If you have further questions, please contact: Terry Wright, Supervisor; 2090 Viking Way; Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE SNOWPLOWING BIDS

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP will receive bids for the snowplowing of Lovells Township Hall, Fire Hall and Dump sites #1 and #2 for the 2004-2005 season until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at the Township Hall offices.

Evidence of insurance must accompany all bids.

Snowplowing specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The township board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and in general to make the award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Lovells Township.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

Case No. 03-3054-NA
IN THE MATTER OF: Lacy Darby
01/29/1999; Taylor Johnson 04/25/1997;
Derek Sivrals 09/11/1992
A petition requesting the court to take
jurisdiction of the above named minor(s)
has been filed in this court. A hearing on
the petition will be conducted by the court
on October 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in 46th
Circuit Trial Court, 200 W. Michigan
Ave., Grayling MI 49738.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED
that Marian Hawkins personally appear
before the court at the time and place stat-
ed above. This hearing may result in the
termination of your parental rights.
Date: September 23, 2004

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE
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PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may
be rescinded by the foreclosing mort-
gagee. In that event, your damages, if any,
shall be limited solely to the return of the
bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the conditions of a mort-
gage made by Mary Margaret Stone, a
married person, original mortgagor(s), to
Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee,
dated February 7, 2001, and recorded on
February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page
494, and recorded on March 15, 2001 in
Liber 531 on Page 488, and modified by
agreement dated April 22, 2003, and
recorded on May 20, 2003 in Liber 635
on Page 134, and assigned by said
Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by
an assignment recorded on May 12, 2004
in Liber 668 on Page 168, in Crawford
county records, Michigan, on which
mortgage there is claimed to be due at the
date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight
Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six And
19/100 Dollars (\$68,636.19), including
interest at 8.25% per annum.
Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby
given that said mortgage will be fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premis-
es, or some part of them, at public ven-
due, at the Front door of the County
building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on
October 20, 2004.
Said premises are situated in Township
of South Branch, Crawford County,
Michigan, and are described as: The East
99 feet of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of

the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of
Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2
West.
The redemption period shall be 6
months from the date of such sale, unless
determined abandoned in accordance
with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.
Dated: September 16, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC M 248.593.1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Midfirst Bank, a
Federally Chartered Savings Association
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-
5822
File #019233F02

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may
be rescinded by the foreclosing mort-
gagee. In that event, your damages, if any,
shall be limited solely to the return of the
bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the conditions of a mort-
gage made by Lawrence B. Vitall and
Joan I. Vitall, husband and wife, original
mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank,
Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2000, and
recorded on July 17, 2000 in Liber 0512
on Page 057, in Crawford county records,
Michigan, on which mortgage there is
claimed to be due at the date hereof the
sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred
Forty And 11/100 Dollars (\$15,840.11),
including interest at 9.25% per annum.
Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby
given that said mortgage will be fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premis-
es, or some part of them, at public ven-
due, at the Front door of the County
building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on
October 27, 2004.
Said premises are situated in Township
of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan,
and are described as: The South 1/2 of the
North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the
Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 28
North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township,
Crawford County, Michigan. Subject to
reservations by the state of Michigan of
all Coal, Oil, Gas and Minerals and rights
of ingress and egress along any water
course or stream; subject to the rights of
the public and of any governmental unit
in any part thereof taken, used or deeded
for street, road or highway purposes; fur-
ther subject to driveway easements across
the existing trails on said premises and
conveying the right of easement across
those trails and easements now held by

the grantor for ingress and egress.
The redemption period shall be 12
months from the date of such sale.
Dated: September 23, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citizens Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-
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File #033783F01

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be rescinded by the foreclosing mort-
gagee. In that event, your damages, if any,
shall be limited solely to the return of the
bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the conditions of a mort-
gage made by Harold Johnson a/k/a
Harold R. Johnson and Roberta M.
Johnson, husband and wife, original
mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD
Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated
November 9, 1996, and recorded on
December 10, 1996 in Liber 422 on Page
481, and assigned by said Mortgagee to
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assign-
ment dated June 1, 1999 recorded on
November 2, 1999 in Liber 494 on Page
338, in Crawford county records,
Michigan, on which mortgage there is
claimed to be due at the date hereof the
sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Nine
Hundred Twenty-Four And 09/100
Dollars (\$36,924.09), including interest at
8.35% per annum.
Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby
given that said mortgage will be fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premis-
es, or some part of them, at public ven-
due, at the Front door of the County
building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on
October 27, 2004.
Said premises are situated in Township
of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan,
and are described as: The North 1/2 of the
North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the
Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 28
North, Range 1 West.
The redemption period shall be 12
months from the date of such sale.
Dated: September 23, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-
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File #014409F02

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may
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gagee. In that event, your damages, if any,
shall be limited solely to the return of the
bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the conditions of a mort-
gage made by James R. Kitchen II, mar-
ried and Kleida Kitchen, married joint ten-
ants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2003, and
recorded on May 6, 2003 in Liber 632 on
Page 348, in Crawford county records,
Michigan, on which mortgage there is
claimed to be due at the date hereof the
sum of Seventy-One Thousand Six
Hundred Thirty-Four And 11/100 Dollars
(\$71,634.11), including interest at 6.5%
per annum.
Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby
given that said mortgage will be fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premis-
es, or some part of them, at public ven-
due, at the Front door of the County
building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on
November 3, 2004.
Said premises are situated in Township
of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,
and are described as: Lot 40, Grayling
Manor, according to the plat thereof, as
recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 10,
Crawford County Records.
The redemption period shall be 6
months from the date of such sale, unless
determined abandoned in accordance
with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.
Dated: September 30, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC W 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-
5822
File #035906F01

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6881-DE
Estate of DOREEN MARGARET
MARY ROGALLE A/K/A MAR-
GARET ROGALLE A/K/A MAR-
GARET CODY
Date of Birth: 9/14/1918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The
decedent, Doreen Margaret Mary Rogalle
a/k/a Margaret Rogalle a/k/a Margaret
Cody, who lived at 11344 North Old 27,
Frederic, Michigan, 49733, died
9/13/2004.
Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate will be
forever barred unless presented to Derek
Edward McEvers, P.O. Box 269,
Grayling, MI 49738, named personal
representative or proposed personal rep-
resentative, or to both the probate court at
200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI
49738 and the named/proposed personal
representative within 4 months after the
date of publication of this notice.
Date: 9-21-04
David R. Sabin P19822
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
Derek Edward McEvers
P.O. Box 269
Grayling, MI 49738

West Ridge, Ayes: 4, nays: 0 abstained: 1.
Motion carried.
4. Motion by Little and seconded by
Mobarak not to sell the laptop computer
used by the Zoning Administrator's
Office to Mr. Stephens for his proposed
price. Ayes:5, Nays:0. Motion carried.
5. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded
and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE PRIVATE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This is an attempt to collect a debt and
any information obtained will be used for
that purpose.
DEFAULT having been made in the
terms and conditions of a certain mort-
gage made by TIMOTHY J. ROSS and
DONNA L. ROSS, husband and wife,
presently of, 7319 Chaffin Road,
Frederic, Michigan 49733, Mortgagors, to
First Federal Savings & Loan Association
n/a First Federal of Northern Michigan,
Mortgagee, dated the 26th day of July,
2001, and recorded in the Office of the
Register of Deeds for the County of
Crawford and State of Michigan, on the
8th day of August, 2001, in Liber 0548 of
County Records, pages 192-200, on
which mortgage there is claimed to be
due, at the date of this notice, for prin-
cipal and interest, the sum of Sixty Three
Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five
and 85/100 Dollars (\$63,785.85). And no
suit or proceedings at law or in equity
having been instituted to recover the debt
now remaining secured by said Mortgage
or any part thereof whereby the power of
sale contained in said Mortgage has
become operative.

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting September 13, 2004

The regular meeting of the Township
Board was called to order at 7:00 PM.
Board members present: Riley, Balmes,
Little, Hartman & Mobarak. There were
14 visitors present.
Motion to approve the minutes of the
last meeting. Seconded and carried.
Sheriff Kirk Wakefield present to pro-
mote the millage request on the
November ballot.
Dave Frederick was present to update
us on the Rural Health Initiative and look-
ing at options to fund it in the future.
Reports given by the Treasurer,
Supervisor, by Fire Chief on Fire
Department and H.L.A.C.

Correspondence:
There were 4 pieces of correspon-
dence.
Old Business:
1. Motion by Hartman and seconded
by Balmes to support the Economic
Development Partnership in the amount
of \$500 for the next fiscal year. Ayes:5,
nays: 0. Motion carried.
2. Paperwork is being done on transfer
of King Road.
3. Discussion regarding abandoned gas
line in the township.
4. Thank you to Mobarak for her years
of service on the Higgins Lake Advisory
Committee.
5. Motion by Balmes and seconded by
Mobarak to renew the Assessor's contract
for two years. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion
carried.
New Business:
1. Motion by Little and seconded by
Balmes to appoint David Eric Bunting to
the ZBA Board. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion
carried.
2. Our Zoning Administrator Robert
Stephens has resigned effective
September 16th. Motion by Mobarak and
seconded by Little to allow the Clerk's
Office to sign all paperwork in regard to
the Special Assessment Districts for
Crossing Deer Court and Balmes Trail &

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power
of sale contained in said Mortgage, and
pursuant to the statute of the State of
Michigan in such case made and provid-
ed, notice is hereby given that on
Wednesday, the 10th day of November,
2004, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time,
said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
at public auction, to the highest bidder, at
the main entrance, Crawford County
Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave.,
Grayling, Michigan, being the place of
holding Circuit Court for Crawford
County, Michigan, of the premises
described in said mortgage, or so much
thereof as may be necessary to pay the
amount due, as aforesaid, on said mort-
gage, with the interest thereon at 7.375%
per annum and all legal costs, charges and
expenses, including the attorney fees
allowed by law, and also any sum or sums
which may be paid by the undersigned,
necessary to protect its interest in the
premises, which said premises are
described as follows: All that certain
piece or parcel of land situated in the
Township of Frederic, County of
Crawford, and State of Michigan and
described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 26C: Part of the Southwest 1/4
of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28
North, Range 4 West; Commencing at the
South 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence
North 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds
East along the section line, 129.58 feet;
thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes East,
656.52 feet to the Point of beginning;
thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes East
656.52 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53
minutes 08 seconds East 100 feet; thence
South 00 degrees 50 minutes West 656.40
feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes
04 seconds West 100 feet to the Point of
Beginning.

Together with an Easement for ingress
and egress over Parcel 26-D (Property
lying South of Subject Property), as
reserved in Deed recorded in Liber 196,
Pages 474 and 475, Crawford County
Records. This easement shall continue so
long as the same may be necessary and
required for ingress and egress to and
from Parcel 26-C after which it shall
cease and come to an end. The redemption
period shall be six (6) months from the
date of such sale, unless determined aban-
doned in accordance with 1948CL
600.3241a, in which case the redemption
period shall be 30 days from the date of
such sale.

MORTGAGEE:
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LOAN ASSOCIATION n/a FIRST
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Attorney for Mortgagee, First Federal
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Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of:
Beaver Creek Township, Frederic Township, Grayling Township, Lovells
Township, Maple Forest Township, City of Grayling, South Branch Township

All electors are hereby given notice **THE GENERAL ELECTION** will be held
in the above Townships/City in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on
Tuesday, November 2, 2004.

Electors who wish to vote in the General Election must be registered to vote
NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004. To register, visit any
Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the Township or
City Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
During Regular Business hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Monday through Friday.

October 4, 2004 - Last day for Electors to Register with County Clerk at 4:00
p.m.
Electors who wish to register with the Township of City Clerks are advised to
call ahead for office hours:

Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Bindschattel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Laura Smith - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michelle Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently
accepting applications for a position on the Library Board.
Applicants are required to be county residents and set policy and
procedure for boards governance and general operation within the
local library. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford
County resident, have familiarity with parliamentary rules and pro-
cedures and general knowledge of historical, scientific, cultural and
educational organizations within the county. Applications can be
obtained from and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore by
Friday, October 1, 2004 at 4 p.m. or may be obtained online thru
www.crawfordco.org and returned to Crawford County Clerk, 200
W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Sept. 20, 2004

CRAWFORD COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently
accepting applications for a position on the building authority.
Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to
have a genuine interest in all buildings and properties belonging to
the county. The authority is incorporated for the purpose of acquir-
ing, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating
and/or maintaining a county courthouse, jail and/or other build-
ings, parking lots and necessary structures for Crawford County.
Applications can be obtained from and submitted to County Clerk
Sandra Moore by Friday, October 1, 2004 at 4 p.m. or may be
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Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Sept. 20, 2004

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League
 Glen's Market 8 - 4
 American Legion Lounge . . . 7 - 5
 Grayling Nursing Center . . . 7 - 5
 Coldwell Banker 6 - 6
 Woody Girls 5 - 7
 Hawk Ridge Golf 5 - 7
 Mickey Perez CPA 5 - 7
 Peterson Saw Service 5 - 7
 High Series: S. Harney, 506; H. Larm, 480; K. McClain, 466.
 High Game: S. Harney, 190; M. Ginther and H. Larm, 181.

American Men's League
 Grayling Eagles 17 - 4
 GADCO 16 - 5
 Moore's Automotive 12 - 9
 Gray-Rock Cafe 10 - 11
 McLeans ACE 9 - 12
 Fenton's Auto 7 - 14
 Scheer Motors 6 - 15
 A.E.I. 0 - 7
 High Series: D. Canfield Jr., 611; D. Canfield, 576; L. Davis, 572
 High Game: M. Smith, 227; L. Daviss, 226; D. Canfield, 225.

Senior Bowling
 Flowers By Josie 8 - 4
 Stitches By Sue 8 - 4
 Sylvesters Sports 8 - 4
 Grayling Pharmacy 6 - 6

Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . 5 - 7
 Bear's Den Pizza 5 - 7
 Kicking Grass 4 - 8
 Lone Pine Restaurant . . . 4 - 8
 High Series Men: P. Faustman, 553; G. Psenicka, 516; K. Harris, 497.
 High Game Men: P. Faustman, 232; K. Louchart, 197. D. Germain, 192.
 High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 489; H. Stairs, 433; P. Germain, 411.
 High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 175; H. Stairs, 160; P. Germain, 141.

Friday Mixed Doubles
 Moshier Auto Repair 10 - 2
 American Legion 9 - 3
 4.F.I. 8 - 4
 Double Trouble 7 - 5
 IMM. 6 - 6
 Strike "Four'ce". 4 - 8
 Calkins Excavating 3 - 9
 New Guys and Gals 0 - 12
 High Series Men: C. Hanson, 566; R. Moshier, 544; M. Horton, 533.
 High Game Men: R. Moshier, 220; C. Hanson, 206; D. Wallace, 196.
 High Series Women: S. France,

520; W. Johnston, 474; ; D. Medina, 463.
 High Game Women: S. France, 184; P. Bernardo, 173; W. Johnston, 169.

Pioneer League
 South Side River Rats. . . . 7 - 1
 AJD Forest Product. 6 - 2
 Custom Interior 5 - 3
 Rochette's 4 - 4
 Chemical Bank 3 - 5
 Grayling Chiro.Clinic 3 - 5
 McDonald's 2 - 6
 Grayling Restaurant 2 - 6
 High Series: T. Rock, 546; C. Clark, 514; N. Trudeau, 504.
 High Game: T. Rock, 192; M. Cole, C. Clark, 191; S. Johnson, 190.

National First
 Corky's Karaoke 17 - 4
 Sawmill 14 - 7
 Hart Pontiac-GMC. 12 - 9
 Denholm Chiropractic 11 - 10
 Ole Barn 11 - 10
 Legion Lanes 9 - 12
 Faustman's Insurance 5 - 16
 E-Z Built Homes 5 - 16
 High Series: C. Brill, 641; J. Barton, 589; P. Bernardo, 565.
 High Game: S. Pittman, 252; C. Brill, 226; C. Hanson, 217.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
 Weyerhaeuser 15 - 6
 Fritch Electric 14 - 7
 Dencco 12 - 9
 AJD Forest Products 11 - 10
 Danny's Village Idiots 7 - 14
 Little Tyke Daycare. 4 - 17
 High Series Men: K. Slater, 638; S. Miller, 573; J. Meharg, 520.
 High Game Men: K. Slater, 222; D. DeHart, 205; S. Miller, 198.
 High Series Women: M. Miller, 474; V. Meharg, 450; E. Slater, 437.
 High Game Women: T. Reed, 191; M. Miller, 178; V. Meharg, 177.

Northwood League
 Choppers Spares 8 - 4
 Great Lk Mortgage 8 - 4
 Warbler Chicks 7 - 5
 Bud Lite Babes 7 - 5
 Carey & Jaskowski. 6 - 6
 Hals Masonry 6 - 6
 USA Trailer 5 - 7
 Chaos 1 - 11
 High Series: P. Benardo, 541; T. Hellebuyck, 491; D. Roman, 436.
 High Game: P. Benardo, 222; T. Hellebuyck, 189 & 181.

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2. Atlanta	6. New Orleans	10. Denver	14. U of M (47)
3. NY Giants	7. Jacksonville	11. Indianapolis	
4. Pittsburgh	8. Baltimore	12. Seattle	

WEEKLY PRIZES

- Sports Cap - Scheer Motors
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1. Oakland vs. Houston



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2. Philadelphia vs. Chicago



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4. Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh



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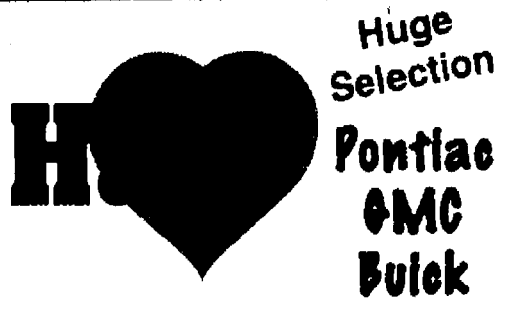
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Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____	

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____ Tiebreaker 2 Game #9 _____ Tiebreaker 3 Game #14 _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner.
 (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a valid security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

13. Purdue vs. Notre Dame



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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Oct. 1, 1981 - "Just Us" celebrates 48 years. Little did these women know in 1933 when they formed a sewing club it still would be going strong in 1981. Members of the club are: (L to R, front) Norma Griffith Gust, Wilma Burrows LaGrow, Lois Sorenson LaGrow, Elna Mae Sorenson Moshier, (back) Madonna Cariveau LaMotte, Dagmar Juhl SanCartier, Muriel DeLaMater Marshall, Dorothy Roberts McLeod and Clara Atkinson Sorenson. Not pictured is Mildred Hanson Blaine.

23 Years Ago October 1, 1981

Crawford County received \$14,562 this year for payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) on 36,547 acres of federal land in the county. PILT is an attempt by the federal government to compensate local governments for the loss of property tax revenues on federal lands. About 245,000 acres of the 360,000 in Crawford County is owned by the state and federal government - giving the county one of the smallest private property tax bases in the state.

The Crawford County 4-H Youth Program has been given

permission to use a tract of land at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area and eventually develop county fairgrounds there.

Dave and Elaine Jansen are happy over the arrival of Kevin Patrick, who arrived on September 23, 1981, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City. He weighed 6 lbs.

Mark and Debbie Zelek are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jean Anne. The little lady was born September 10, 1981, weighing 9 lbs. 2 ozs. at Otsego memorial in Gaylord.

In GHS girls basketball Shelly Trenary only scored two points

against Roscommon, but they were the two biggest points of the game. Trenary's solo bucket came with one second left to push the Vikings on top for a 37-35 victory over the traditional rivals.

46 Years Ago October 2, 1958

Little Miss Susan Kay, month old daughter of Gerald Burns, was baptized at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church on September 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cinciala have begun building a cottage on the north bay of Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anthony have enjoyed visits from the latter's brother, Pvt. James Rolfe, who is home on leave with his parents, the George Rolfe's at Maple Forest. Pvt. Rolfe arrived September 23rd, and is going overseas to Korea sometime in October.

69 Years Ago October 3, 1935

Jes Schoonover is displaying a new 1936 Buick. He gave us a ride in it, and even let us drive, and it certainly is a grand car. He is holding an open house and invites everyone in to see it.

Monday, after school, Mrs. Floyd McClain entertained with a birthday party in order to celebrate the fifth anniversary of her daughter Sally. The afternoon was spent playing games after which the children enjoyed a lovely lunch. Sally was given many lovely little gifts.

Mrs. Joseph McLeod entertained the Danish Ladies Aid society at her home, Monday afternoon. The affair was also a farewell party for Mrs. Olga

Boeson who left this week to make her home in Detroit.

92 Years Ago October 3, 1912

T.W. Hanson is having a new track put through from the main line to the Lewiston track, at his lumber yard in T-Town.

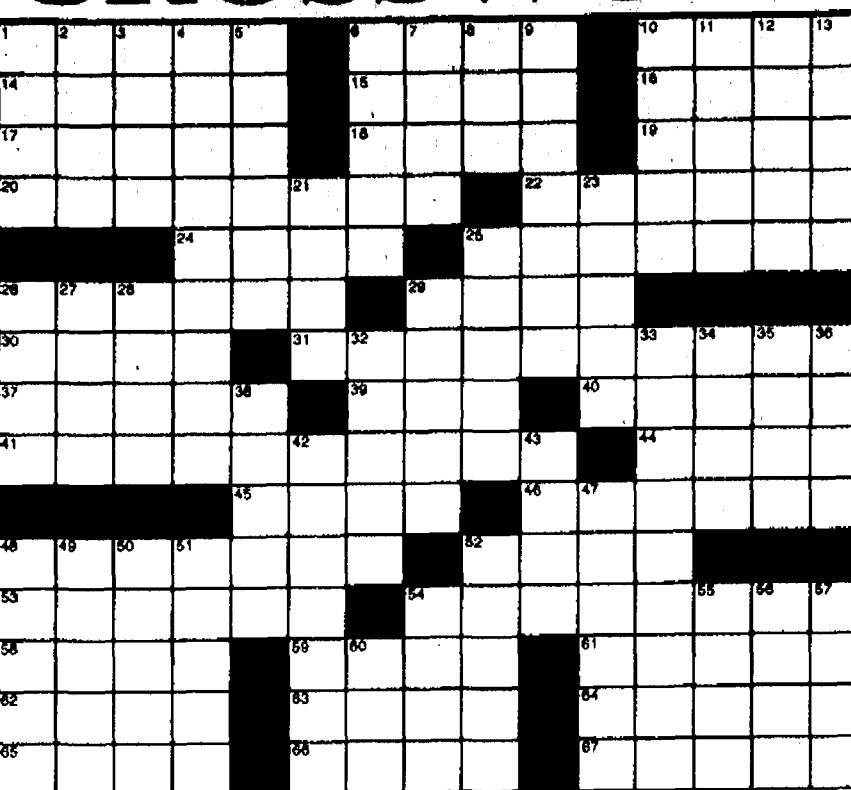
The South Side Savages lost their ball game by forfeit to the Grayling Red Sox last Sunday. The Red Sox have not lost a game this year.

The baptism of the baby of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hanson took place at the Danish Lutheran Church Sunday morning. Rev. Kjolhede officiating. The babe was named Virginia Thora Hanson.

E.E. Hartwick of Detroit arrived Monday morning to visit with friends, also to attend to business interests.

As well known, Gov. Osborn in accordance with a resolution of the legislature, appointed a committee to investigate and determine a site for a permanent encampment of the M.N.G. in conjunction with the U.S. regulars. Members of the Crawford County Commercial Association have been working hard to secure this location at Portage Lake in this county and we are pleased to state that our chances are excellent and there is very little doubt that next summer and the succeeding years will find the M.N.G. camped within our county. If it comes to us, much credit is due to President Hanson and Secretary Barnes particularly for their efforts to influence the commission toward selecting this county for camp.

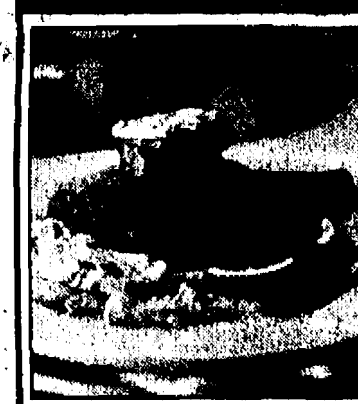
CROSSWORD



- Across**
- Member of a people inhabiting Malaysia.
 - Musical silence between tones.
 - Snare.
 - Addis, city in central Ethiopia.
 - Miscellaneous mixture.
 - Brookovich, film starring Julia Roberts.
 - To sing a contract again.
 - In addition.
 - Donovan, Kevin Donaldson in Space Camp.
 - Another name for breastbones.
 - Praised loudly.
 - Mike, founder of the punk rock group Social Distortion.
 - Also called water ouzels.
 - Incongruous mixtures.
 - Record producer DJ, aka Andrew Kahl.
 - Secret plan for accomplishing an unlawful end.
 - Takes notice of.
 - Hiding place.
 - Father.
 - Unit of volume equal to one cubic meter.
 - Chemical compounds formed from another by the removal of water.
 - Poker stake usually.
 - Obtains.
 - Throbbled.
 - To put up with.
 - Dante, pioneer in automated building construction systems.
 - Derived by reasoning from self-evident propositions.
 - Divervilla, bush honeysuckle.
 - Feels pain.
 - Flat-bottomed receptacle used for carrying articles.
 - Tendon.
 - River in northeastern England.
 - Acronym for Airborne Electronics Research Activity.
 - Chemical that absorbs ultraviolet rays in the upper atmosphere.
 - Robert, director of Stacked Cards.
 - Norman, executive producer of All In The Family.
 - Birds' home.
- Down**
- Flenders less than perfect.
 - To actively second and encourage.
 - Country road.
 - Ralph David, American clergyman and civil rights leader.
 - Stretched wide.
 - Travels leisurely through a wide area.
 - Units of length used similarly.
 - Acronym for Single Image Software.
 - Blowing a horn.
 - Arrangement and production style of a book.
 - Very angry.
 - Also called saltpeter.
 - Acronym for Sandhani National Eye Donation Society.
 - Abbreviation for Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
 - Clears of obstructions.
 - Electronic device that restricts current flow chiefly to one direction.
 - Acronym for Student Paper Competition Award.
 - Shepard, first American in space.
 - Nearly landlocked bay of the sea.
 - Loads of Carangid fishes.
 - Head, costume designer for The Sting.
 - To put in italics.
 - Will, director of The Fix.
 - Artist a.k.a. Remain de Tintoff.
 - Ripened ovules of plants used for sowing.
 - Degas, French painter and sculptor.
 - Concert given by an individual musician.
 - To cause to turn rapidly.
 - Musical interval of a perfect prime.
 - Sudden outpouring.
 - Attempted.
 - Lubricated as if with oil.
 - Covered with moss.
 - Member of Russian nobility.
 - Flynn Boyle, Donna Hayward on Twin Peaks.
 - Chimpanzee in the first orbital animal flight.
 - Plant for parent, often used as plural.
 - Overwhelming feelings of wonder or admiration.
 - European perennial woody herb whose bitter leaves are used medicinally.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Apple-Cinnamon Granola Bread

Yield: 1 loaf, 12 servings
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/4 cups whole wheat flour
3/4 cup granola
2 tablespoons sugar
1 envelope (1/4 ounce or 2 1/4 tsp) RapidRise Yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup applesauce
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

In a large bowl, combine 1 cup all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, granola, sugar, undissolved yeast, salt, and ground cinnamon. Heat water, milk, applesauce, and butter until very warm

(120 to 130 F). Gradually add to dry ingredients. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Roll dough to 12 x 8-inch rectangle. Beginning at short end, roll up tightly as for jelly roll. Pinch seam and ends to seal. Place, seam side down, in greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 45 minutes.

Bake at 375 F for 30 minutes or until done. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack.

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Freckles is a neutered male about 1 year old. He is a nice medium sized dog and is very friendly. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com GREAT NEWS - The Animal Shelter adopted approximately 47 animals at the Detroit Zoo!

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Anyone interested in going to Lansing for the animal rally needs to phone Dixie at 348-4117. The bus will be leaving the animal shelter at 6 am on September 28th and I need to know how many will be on it.

Two barrels have been placed near the gates of the shelter to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. Also, a few Creature Comfort Cookbooks are still available at Riverland Gear in Grayling for a donation of \$15 each and the new 2005 Pet and Dog Calendars are on sale at the Avalanche for a donation of \$5 each.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain	Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low
9/22	81	43	0	Sunny	73	44	High	61	38
9/23	85	42	0	High	71	30	High	67	36
9/24	84	41	0	High	61	38	High	65	36
9/25	82	36	0	High	67	36	High	65	37
9/26	74	35	0	High	67	36	High	65	37
9/27	76	35	0	High	67	36	High	65	37
9/28	78	36	0.04	High	67	36	High	65	37

Icons: Sunny, Partly Sunny, Cloudy, Rain, Snow, Fog, Wind, etc.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of September 30, 2004

ARIES December 22-January 19 The color green plays a significant role in your life this week. It could signal a financial windfall or a jealous friend.	TAURUS March 21-April 19 Red is everywhere at work, reminding you to be cautious. Pay attention to areas you would normally overlook and take your time working out the details of a project.	GEMINI June 22-July 22 Shades of blue soothe you as you sort through a difficult dilemma. Be patient and the answer will come.	CANCER September 23-October 22 Black is the key to resolving a problem that has been building for quite some time. You will need to use every resource available to resolve it.
LEO July 20-August 18 Something teal reminds you of a special occasion. Invite some friends over and celebrate the event over dinner.	VIRGO August 23-September 22 Purple provokes passion and richness in your life. Share them with a friend who is feeling down.	LIBRA September 23-October 22 You receive something pink that pleases your senses. Express your appreciation and return the favor when least expected.	SCORPIO October 23-November 21 Orange is the spice of life. Add touches of it to your surroundings, and you'll be feeling re-energized in no time.
SAGITTARIUS November 19-December 20 Shades of brown surround you. Take them not as you want to see them but as they really are—signs that you should make changes in your life.	CAPRICORN January 21-February 18 Yellow, the color of cheer, is lacking in a young friend's life. Find out what is wrong and help them resolve the problem. Then go out and celebrate.	AQUARIUS February 19-March 20 Your life is full of gray areas—you can't seem to make up your mind about anything. Focus on one issue at a time, do some research and make an informed decision.	PISCES March 21-April 19 White reveals all. Someone you thought was a friend is not, who friends you were counting on to help you at home make other plans.

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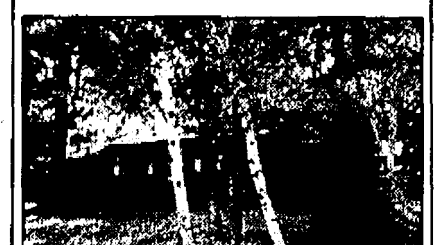
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BEAR LAKE 11278 Old Log Road (private road) 5.8 acres, pie-shaped lot with 113 footage on the lake. Two bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, 1/2 basement, garage. To be sold at auction, Saturday, October 2, 11 am. 231-264-5027. Cell phone 231-642-1013. (-30/1)

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CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile. Country setting, \$400 a month. Security deposit, references required. No pets. 348-8386. (-2-9-16-23-30/2)

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FOR RENT One bedroom home on AuSable River. First, last and security deposit with six month lease. References required. No pets. Available October 1st. \$375 per month. Call 989-348-7737. (-16-23-30/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03H/2)

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FOR RENT: 3 bedroom home with garage, very clean. \$650 per month. No pets. Call Connie 348-5474. (-9-16-23-30-7-14/2)

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ROOM IN COUNTRY with all utilities. Kitchen privileges. No deposit. Furnished. \$220. 348-7506. (-30/2)

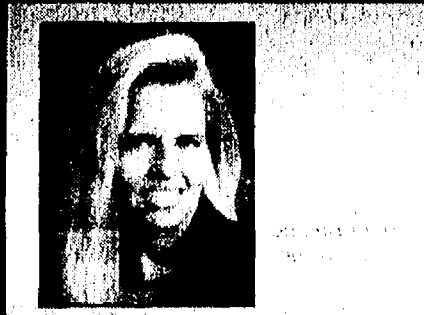
3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH with garage attached. Back deck, storage shed. Outside pets only. \$50/month plus security. You pay utilities. 989-348-6649. (-23-30/2)

ROOM FOR RENT no pets. \$125/month. All utilities included, no lease. Call for details. 989-348-1020. (-23-30/2)

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135 FEET ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER Nice mixture of pine and hardwoods. State land across the road with underground electric at road. Property located in AuSable Woods #4. CS-2013 \$29,500



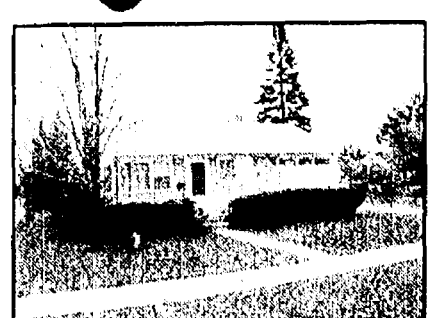
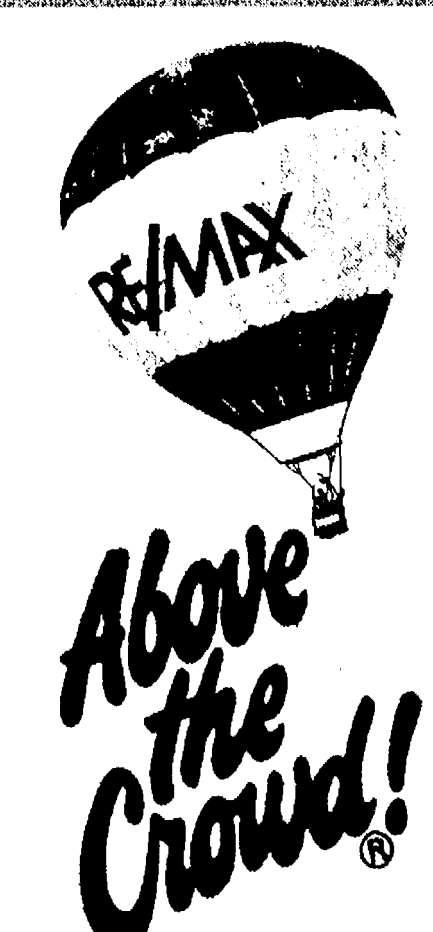
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH home offers 1056 square feet and detached garage. In the village of Roscommon. Sits at end of a semi-private road. Property also includes a cabin that is currently being rented out. Great Investment Property. Roscommon area. \$79,900.00 CS-1852



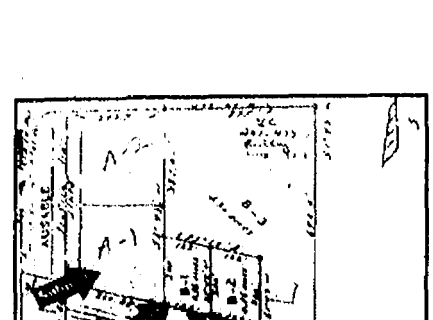
185' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 50' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000



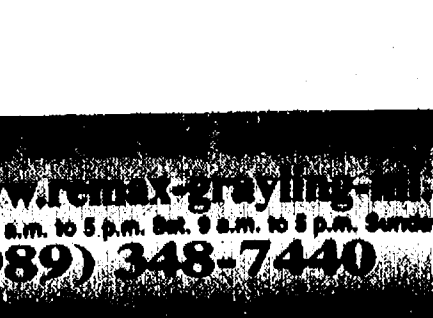
HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY BEACH 60' of shared private beach on Lake Margrethe. 3-story Chalet offers 3BR, 1 3/4BA with 1800 square feet. This home is perfect for entertaining with 2 kitchens. Includes all the appliances, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, microwave, garbage disposal, washer & dryer. Extensive cedar deck off living room on upper level offers breath taking views. Beamed ceilings with pickled white wash. Ceramic tile in baths, black top circle driveway. Mature Red Pines on property. Newer roof on house and garage. Property adjoins private beach/park to the South. Private boat slip 17' with dock. Picnic area with volleyball & basketball court. Private road is paved. Annual Dues \$200. CS-1956 \$198,000



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505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1416 \$126,500



ATTENTION: HUNTERS, FISHERMAN, SNOWMOBILERS, AND SKIERS. Neat and clean 3BR cottage on county gravel road. Across from state land, trails and between AuSable & Manistee Rivers. This cottage features insulated drive-through garage, sliding glass doors off dining area onto 8x12 rear deck, and septic system, plumbing, siding, electrical & roof - all 5 years old. CH-2016 \$48,500



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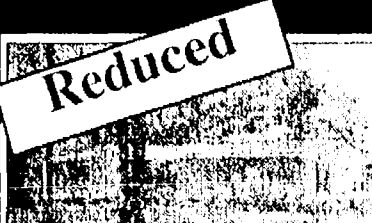
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME LOCATED ON 2.24 ACRES This 3BR, 2BA home offers Knotty Pine T&G ceilings, 2 balconies w/door walls, a gorgeous full wall cut stone fireplace, a spacious open staircase, built-in book case, a Star Security System, a custom Whirlpool Tub, a fully shined custom utility room, and updated siding, windows, roof & drain field. CH-1917 \$139,500



TWO GORGEOUS 2,800 S.F. HALF LOG HOME JUST COMPLETED ON 10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND 3BR/2BA custom knotty pine interior. Great room features Fieldstone Fireplace and Trapezoid windows. 10x40 screened porch overlooking natural hideaway setting. 3-car insulated garage, 30x40 pole barn. Other features: West of Wester BR Suite! 16x30, plus 2 dormers, a gas fireplace, and door-wall onto deck. A must see! CH-1928 \$299,000

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Brand New Home for \$74,900 Tucked in the woods! Beautiful kitchen set up with lots of cabinets & counters for the chef in the family, & the living room has vaulted ceilings & a built-in entertainment center. Close to all your "Up-North" fun activities! #5359 \$74,900



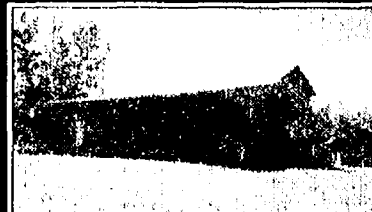
Great up North getaway located near St. Helen. Fresh and clean home with many updates: vinyl siding, newer windows, 1 car garage, 2 storage sheds, close to town and near State Land and lakes. Great Price!! #5316 \$59,000



Great home in a Great location. Neat and clean two bedroom remodeled to HUD standards in 1996. Newer roof, plumbing, kitchen, vinyl siding, enclosed porch and large shade trees. Close to snowmobile trails and easy access from I-75. #5297 \$47,500



Awsome custom built home on the east branch of the AuSable. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home features cedar siding, split field stone fireplace, ceramic tile hardwood flooring, custom windows, extensive decking, attached 2 car garage, sprinkler system, landscaping a deck on the river and much, much more. \$225,000 #5344



90 Acres of land surrounds this quality built log sided home. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, drywall and knotty pine interior, covered porch, alarm system, pole barn, Michigan basement, and LP gas generator for emergencies. Enjoy the hunting blinds, rice fields and thousands of acres of adjacent state land. \$339,000 #5357



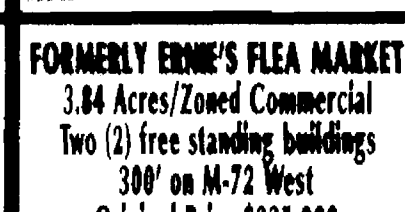
Immaculate four bedroom, two bath home situated on a little over an acre adjacent to state land. This home features an all new drywall interior with a superior layout. Spacious, yet homey, your family will enjoy all the amenities that AuSable Woods has to offer. A real steal at \$97,000 #5343



Lake Margrethe area with seclusion. Unique set up, rent out the lower level & keep the upper for your use, letting the tenant make your mortgage payment. Or enjoy the whole home for yourself. Quality built, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. #5262 \$178,000



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mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03t/5)

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Chevy Reese hitch for a Ford hitch. Call 989-348-4352. (-30/6)

IF YOU HAVE ANY aluminum doors, etc. to be disposed of, please call 989-348-2905. (-30-7/6)

7. Miscellaneous

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3. Employment

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8. Announcements

THE BANJO PICKER and Friends will be playing at the Sawmill October 5 from 7 pm - 11 pm. (-30/8)

BALL ROOM BLITZ PARTY at the Sawmill October 1 & 2. 9:30 pm - 1:30 am. music by Highway Jones. Contests, prizes, lots of fun. (-30/8)

ALL YOU CAN EAT luncheon. Thursday October 7 from 11 - 1 pm. Take out available. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Cost is \$5 per person. (-30/8)

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Thursday, October 14, 5 - 7 pm. Buffet style turkey dinner. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Carry out available only between 4 - 5 pm. (SGF-30-7-14/8)

A&B NEW & USED Resale 234 East Michigan Ave in Gamblers Corner. Open everyday except Wednesday and Sunday. Come in and see something for everyone. (-30/8)

CLUB KENO & PULL TABS at the Gray Rock Cafe! The Gray Rock Cafe has given away over \$90,000 to its patrons. Join the fun at 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (-05/06/04t/8)

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3. Employment

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Saturday, October 9th at Grayling Elementary/Primary Schools from 10 am - 4 pm. Food available, admission \$1. Contact Sherry (989)348-9564. (-16-23-30-7/8)

1235 AUSABLE TRAIL

Student desk, dehumidifier, queen waterbed frame, unused brewing kit and materials, abundance of quality winter clothing (much Express, Gap, etc.) in small sizes, kitchen dishes, utensils and small appliances, much miscellaneous. Friday and Saturday. 9 - 4:30. (-30/10)

POLE BARN SALE Old Town kayaks; hunting, fishing items; new snowmobile parts; Polaris 440 snowmobile; Honda CR80 motorcycle; new interior doors; furniture; nice little girl's, women's medium and extra large clothing; Christmas items; toys; lots of other stuff. M-72 west of Grayling 15 miles. Friday and Saturday. 9 to 5. (-30/10)

MOVING SALE Furniture, some log, housewares, pretty things, baby things, clothes and misc. 1548 Meander Road. Ole Dam Road and follow signs. Thursday, 8 - 4. Friday, 9 - 5. (-30/10)

OCTOBER 1, 2, and 3. 10249 South Grayling Road. 9 - 4. Assorted items. (-30/10)

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7. Miscellaneous

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3. Employment

THURSDAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY 307 Red Tail Hawk Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. 9 - 5. September 30 - October 2. (-30/10)

MOVING SALE: portable ice fishing shanty, ice fishing rods and equipment, camping gear, hunting gear and clothes, cross-country skies, woodworking tools, snowshoes, fishing rods and equipment, electric sewing machine and more. Starting 9 am on 10/1 and 10/2. 8807 Connors Road, Grayling. (-23-30/10)

11. Automotive

2002 FOCUS ZX3 Low miles, 3 year warranty. \$8,000. 89 Ranger, 4 wheel drive, 2.9 engine, 5 speed trans. For parts. 989-275-4063. (-30/11)

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1991 GRAND MERCURY MARQUIS Great condition. Electric doors, windows and ect. \$600. Call 348-5848 after 6 pm. (-30/11)

1994 BUICK ROADMASTER 145K miles. Good condition. \$2,700. 989-348-2495. (-9/16/04t/11)

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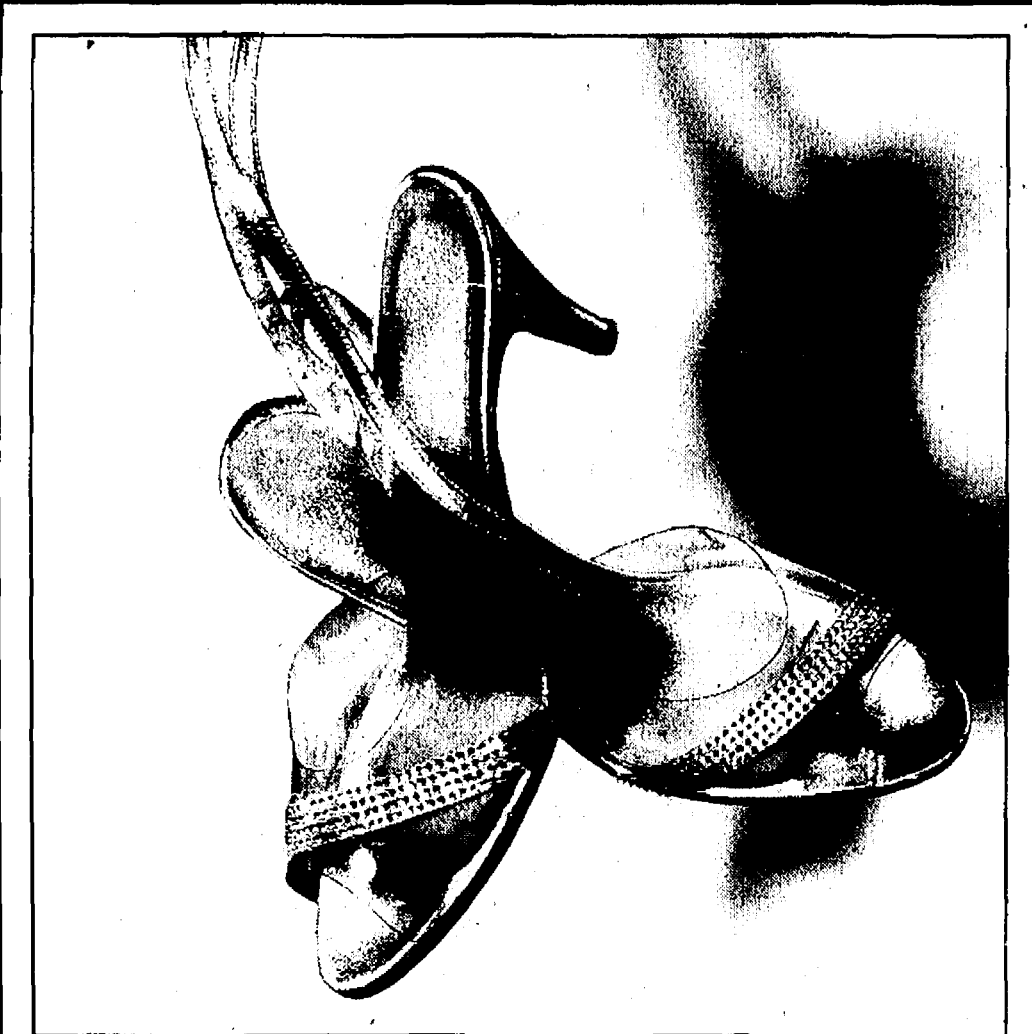
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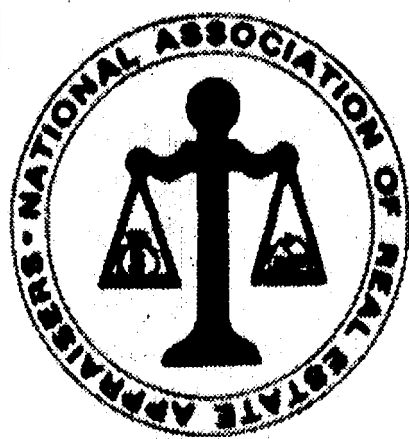
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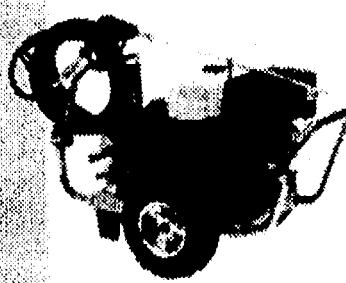
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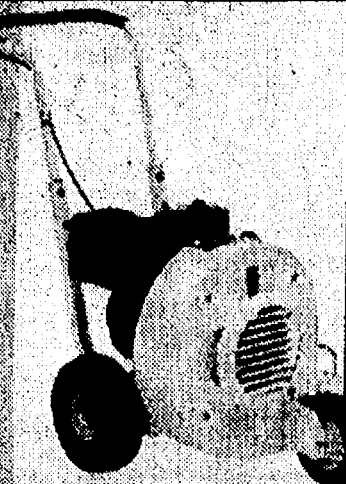
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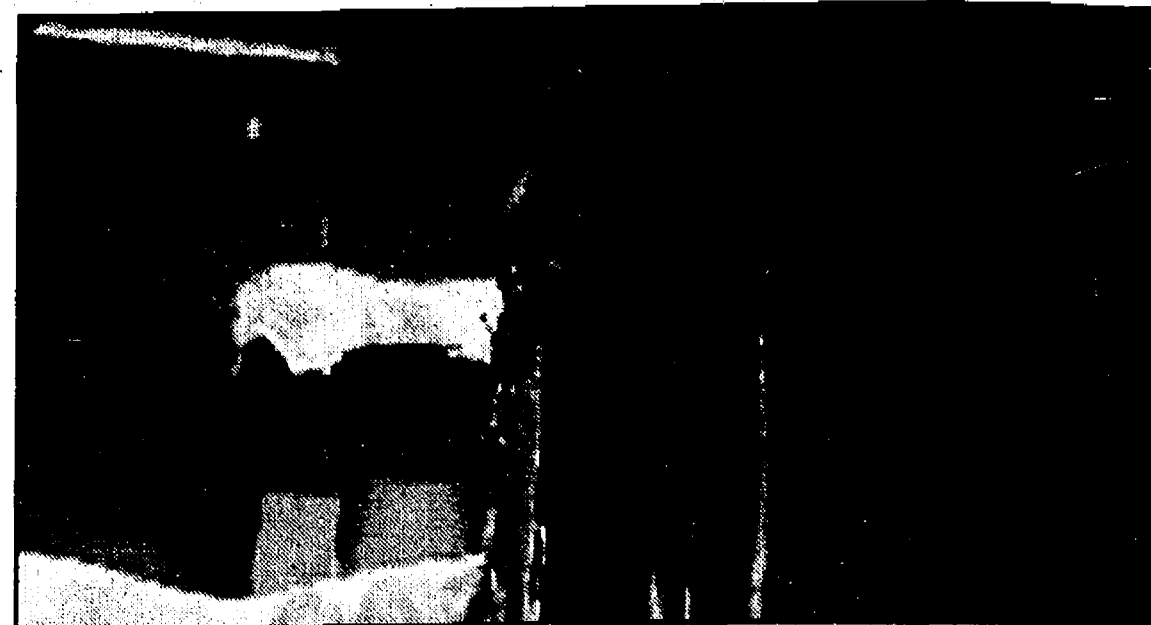
Ice Dams Can Cause Costly Damage

(HIT) – For many people, the thought of crystal clear icicles and fresh white snow signifies winter. We admire the sculptured icicles as they hang from rooftop gutters and see them as a sign of winter's arrival. While Mother Nature may have made these wonders beautiful, they also can be a sign that dangerous and costly home damage is occurring.

Ice dams are one detrimental side effect of heavy snow and ice and pose a special problem because they prevent water from running off the roof. They can lead to gutter damage as well as water infiltration which can be harmful to roof decks, insulation, exterior walls and paint, interior walls and ceilings.

Ice dams are the result of three conditions: a heavy snowfall (enough to leave several inches of snow on a roof); continuously cold temperatures where the air temperature is cold enough for water to freeze; and an under-ventilated and poorly-insulated attic, which creates what is known as a "hot and cold" roof.

"An under-ventilated attic (in combination with a poorly insulated attic) in the winter is a major cause of destructive ice



Though icicles may be beautiful, they are often a sign of ice dam roof damage. A side effect of heavy snow and ice, ice dams prevent water from running off the roof, often leading to costly home damage and leaks.

dams and, hence, roof leaks," say James and Morris Carey, hosts of the national home improvement radio show, "On the House with the Carey Brothers."

A "hot and cold" roof is created when heat escapes from the living quarters and rises into the attic, warming the roof deck and causing snow to begin melting. As the snow melts and becomes water, it runs down over the roof until it reaches the area over the eaves. Since the area around the eaves remains cold, the runoff from the melting snow begins to freeze thus forming an ice dam which may be visible in the form

of icicles.

The first signs of trouble from ice dams are ice and water build-up in gutters and at the eaves. The ice can wreak havoc on gutters and can eventually push itself under the shingles and into wall cavities. As the ice melts, the next wave of damage shows up as wood rot, peeling paint, mold and mildew. If left untreated, these problems can seriously escalate.

While homeowners cannot control the amount of snow fall or air temperature, they can control their attic ventilation and insulation and thus take a proactive step to protect themselves from ice dams.

The best way to control ice dams is to minimize heat transfer from the living space to the attic with a good layer of insulation and a good attic ventilation system to prevent hot and cold roofs. With a well designed attic ventilation system, using ridge and soffit vents, homeowners can increase their ventilation and decrease the likelihood of ice-dams.

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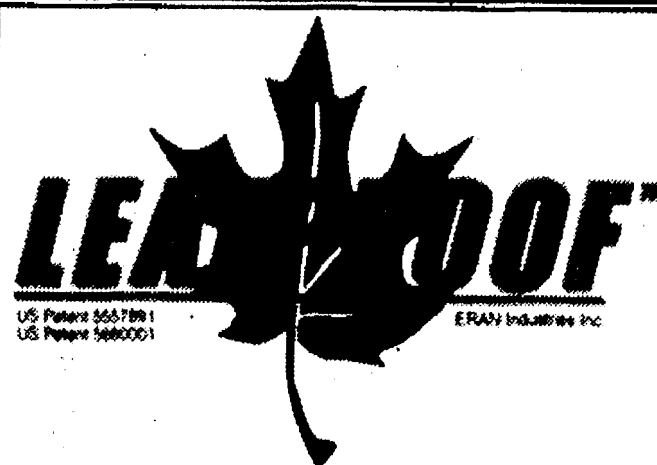


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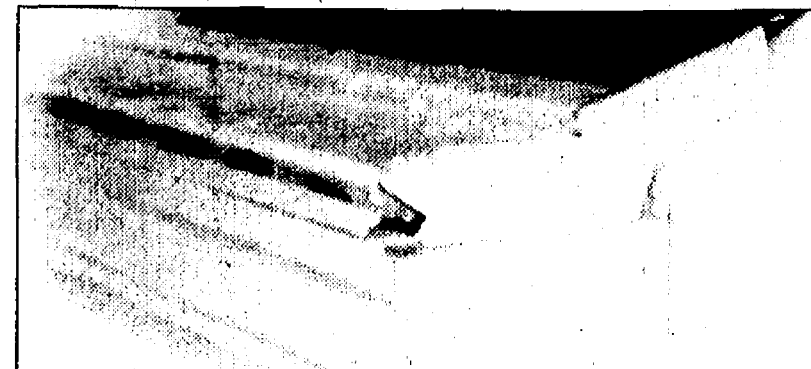


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Treating your windows can save you money this winter

(NUI) – When it comes to saving energy, it pays to conserve. American consumers pay about \$25 billion annually to heat and cool air that eventually leaks to the outdoors. The collective cost for this wasted energy is enormous, an amount equivalent to the value of the oil produced by the Alaska Pipeline.

It makes sense to think about the efficiency of your home. As you do, take some time to consider your windows. Windows are one of the leading sources of air leakage, allowing hot air to creep indoors during the summer and warm, heated air to work its way outside in the colder months.

By taking the appropriate

steps, you can effectively boost window insulation and better maintain the overall comfort level of your home.

Here are five window insulation tips, provided by Comfortex BlindCrafter Centers, to help you conserve energy this winter:

- Caulk cracks or holes in your windows or install weather stripping around the window sash and frame to seal off the areas prone to air flow.

- Install either interior or exterior storm windows. Storm windows can easily reduce the heat loss through your windows by 25 percent to 50 percent while limiting drafts and condensation. Be sure the storm windows have sufficient weather stripping and

interlocking or overlapping joints to maximize their effectiveness.

- Insulate your home with energy-efficient window treatments, such as cellular shades, that provide an insulating barrier on your windows to prevent cold air from entering and warm air from escaping.

- Keep window treatments closed at night. Open them during the day to take advantage of the sun's rays for natural solar heating.

- Clean your windows, especially on the southern side of your home. This allows for maximum solar gain throughout the day and clean glass allows this to happen more readily.

Three tips for designing with light

(NUI) – The use of light is an integral element in art, architecture and design. It has the power to dramatically change the look and feel of everything, from a sculpture to a family room or even a hallway.

Incorporating lighting elements into a home can alter the ambiance from clean and modern to warm and rustic, creating specific moods and enhancing colors and textures.

Consider these tips for bringing both natural and artificial light elements into your home design for breathtaking results:

- **Let the natural light shine in.** Windows bring the dynamic qualities of daylight into a home, capturing outside views, enhancing colors, and flooding surfaces, rooms or any interior spaces with natural light.

However, bringing in more natural sunshine can increase the temperature of a room due to heat transfer through windows. To get the natural sun without unwanted temperature changes, you may want to consider tinted glass to help reduce the transfer of heat.

In addition to capitalizing on natural light through the strategic placement of windows, you can choose from a broad scope of window shapes, juxtapositions and designs to create an artistic flair.

- **Use decorative lights for night and day.** The imaginative use of alternative lighting can showcase unique features inside and outside the home.

Instead of using traditional overhead lighting or table lights, artistically combine shadows and light with subtle tree lights lining the edges of the ceiling or a chandelier with a dimmer.

- **Reflect light to enhance the ambiance.** Often overlooked as a

key element in the lighting of a home, mirrors have traditionally been utilized solely as a tool for personal reflection. The creative placement of mirrors can throw light around the room, making a room sparkle and appear larger.

While an entire wall of mirrors may seem a little risky, the placement of framed mirrors sporadically on a particular wall brings a fresh, artistic element into the home.

Regardless of its source – whether it's natural light that streams in through a window or the soft glow from a table lamp or chandelier – lighting is an important decorative accessory in a home.

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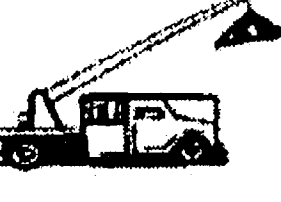
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(HIT) - Today's concern with the spread of insect-borne diseases like the West Nile virus is no different than the concerns the Macedonians had in the 4th century, B.C. The Macedonians were the first known civilization to drape fabrics over windows and doors to keep insects out. If that was the first screening material, then insect screening is probably one of the oldest building products around.

But it took Hammurabi, king of the Babylonians and father of the world's first recorded building code, to decree that people should be isolated from disease-carrying insects by covering the windows and doors of their homes with "loosely woven fabrics."

Centuries later in the tropics, mosquito fabric netting was draped across four-poster beds to protect occupants from disease-carrying mosquitos. In the early 1800's, this practice spread to Europe and then to the United States.

Wire mesh screening for windows and doors was invented by George Bedson of Woven Wire Products Company in 1862. By 1882, this new wire insect screen material had become so popular that four large weavers of industrial wire cloth and horse hair carriage upholstery fabric merged to form the York Wire Cloth Company - the beginning of the United States screen industry.

The one thing that has not changed since the 4th century is the purpose of screening: to keep insects out and provide for enhanced ventilation.

Since the 4th Century B.C. the dual purpose of residential screening remains the same.

What has changed is the technology of screening and framing materials. Today, screening materials are made for windows, doors, large patios, porches, lanais and other areas that were once considered too large for screening. There are solar screening materials that significantly reduce sun-generated heat from entering the house. There are retractable screens that automatically disappear out-of-sight when not needed. There are integral, self-storing screens and storm windows that can be changed quickly from the inside of the home. Today's residential screens are primarily made of

aluminum and fiberglass and the old-fashioned, heavy wood frames have been replaced by lightweight, long-lasting aluminum and vinyl.

Screen manufacturers are enjoying record sales as a result of the surge in new homebuilding and the fast-growing trend to replace original windows and screens with modern, lightweight, more efficient screening products. The vast majority of today's new homes are built with screens as part of the window and door systems. Insect screening is no longer an optional home accessory, it is a basic necessity for protection from insects and to provide ventilation.

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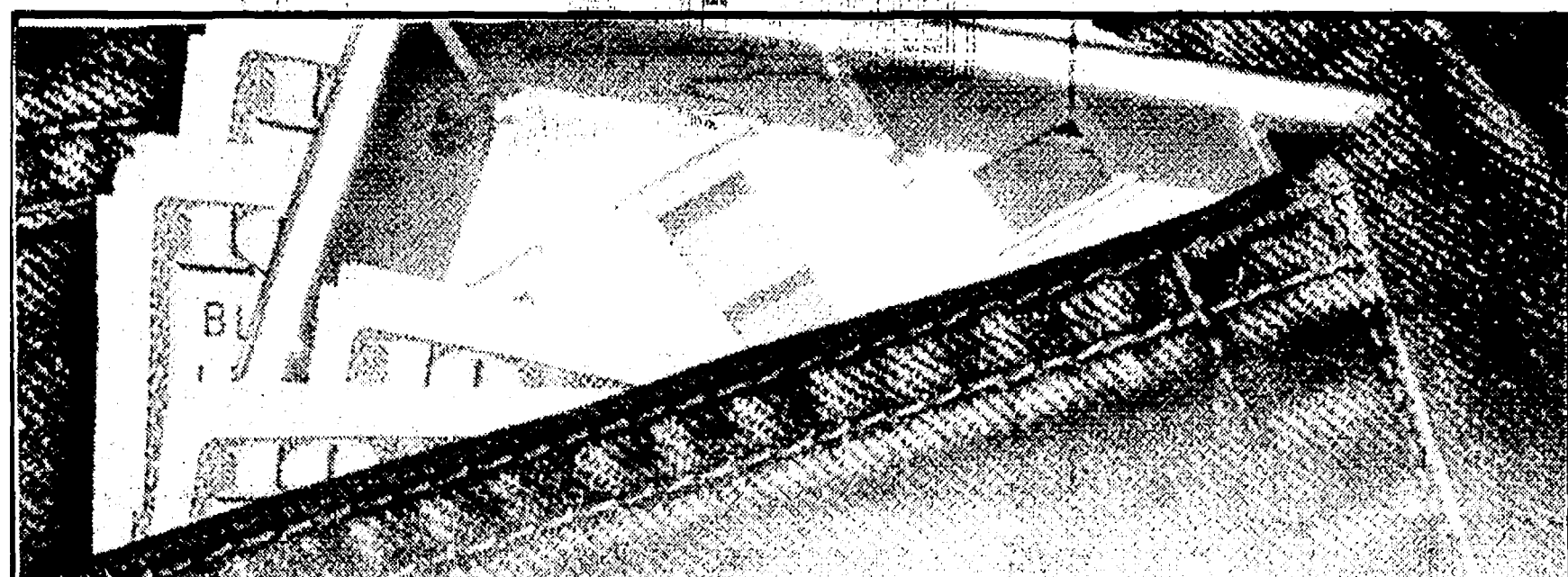


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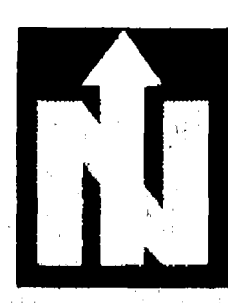
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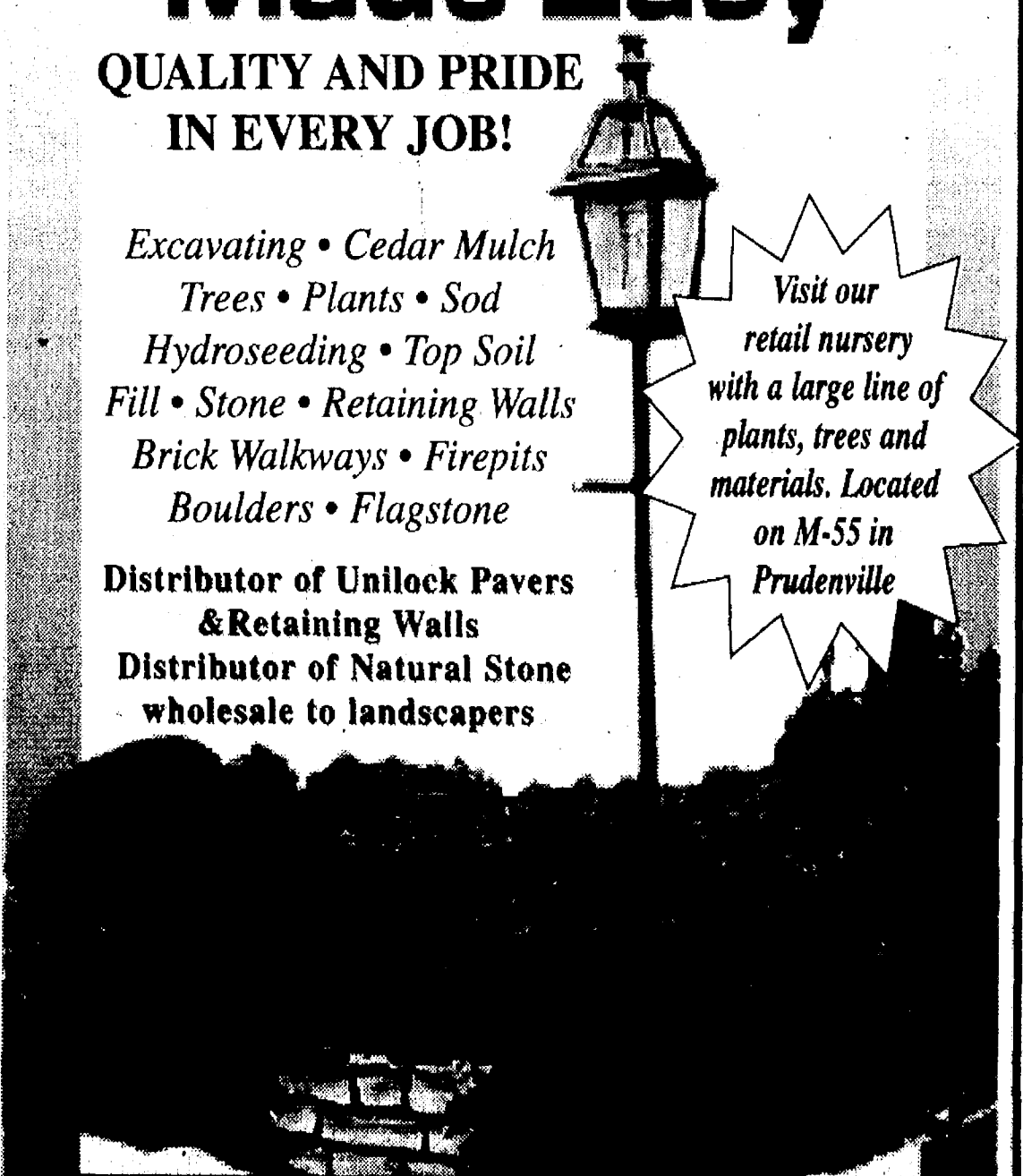
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Looking To Increase Your Home's Living Space? Explore The Land Down Under — Your Basement

(HIT) — If you're a homeowner who would like to increase your home's living space but are overwhelmed by the cost of an addition, it's time to explore the "land down under" — your basement.

According to a survey of remodeling contractors, finishing an unfinished basement is one of the most affordable ways to add more space to a home. It is far less costly than an addition, and a proven way to increase the value of your home.

Also, because basement space is flexible space, you can easily customize it to meet your family's needs. Depending on the desired use of the new area, a basement can be converted into a variety of livable spaces including a family room, home office, home theater, extra bedroom, children's room or fitness room. And, as your needs change, it's easy to modify basement space.

Regardless of whether you transform the unfinished basement yourself, hire a contractor to do it, or decide to do a little of each, the design, planning and finishing process lets you express your creativity while accomplishing your goal of affordably increasing living space.

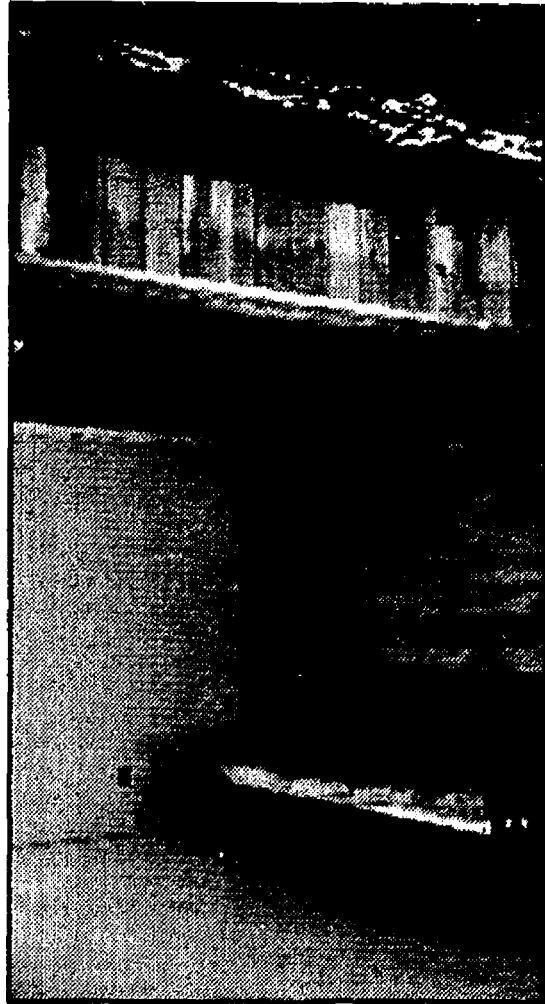
Suspended Ceilings Popular

When planning the basement, designers at Armstrong Ceilings say suspended or "drop" ceilings are usually the best choice because they attractively cover exposed floor joists while permitting access to pipes, ductwork and wiring above the ceiling.

The ceilings can also provide a sound barrier between the basement and the floor above.

The ceiling panels used in these ceilings are usually 2'x2' or 2'x4' in size, are installed in a metal grid system that's suspended from the floor joists, and are available in a variety of designs to meet any decor or budget.

Most suspended ceiling panels feature a subtle, overall refined surface texture, while a number of others incorporate



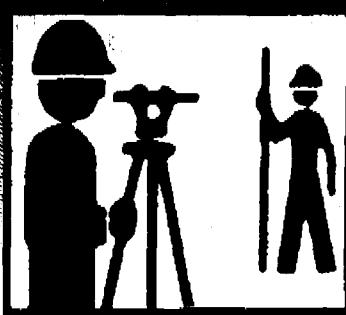
Finishing an unfinished basement is an affordable way to increase living space. Suspended ceilings are popular choices in finished basements because they attractively cover the floor joists while permitting access to the pipes and wiring above the ceiling. They can also provide a sound barrier between the basement and the floor above.

more sophisticated designs that cleverly "hide" the grid system so that it blends in with the overall pattern of the ceiling.

One such ceiling from Armstrong, called Raised Panel, uses the look of Old World woodwork to camouflage the grid, while two others, called TinWare and Circa, hide the grid within the time-tested look of a tin ceiling. Still another, called Cascade, features a repeating pattern with a classic stepped edge to help conceal the grid system.

Another Armstrong ceiling, called SuperTuff, is five times more impact resistant and two times more scratch resistant than most other panels. As a result, it's very well suited for use in the more "active" areas of the basement.

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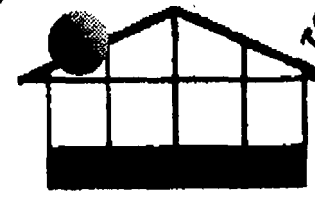
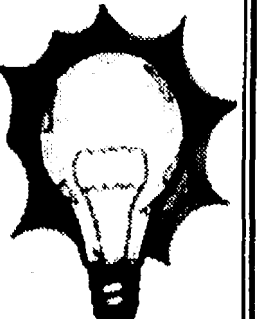
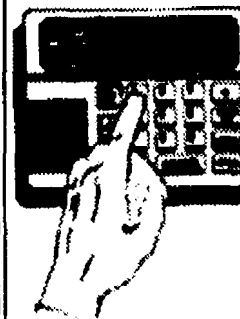
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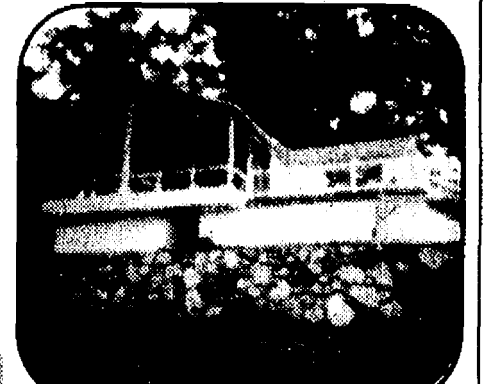
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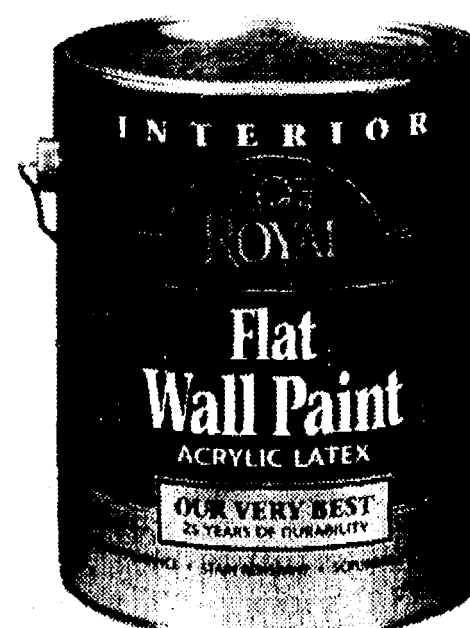
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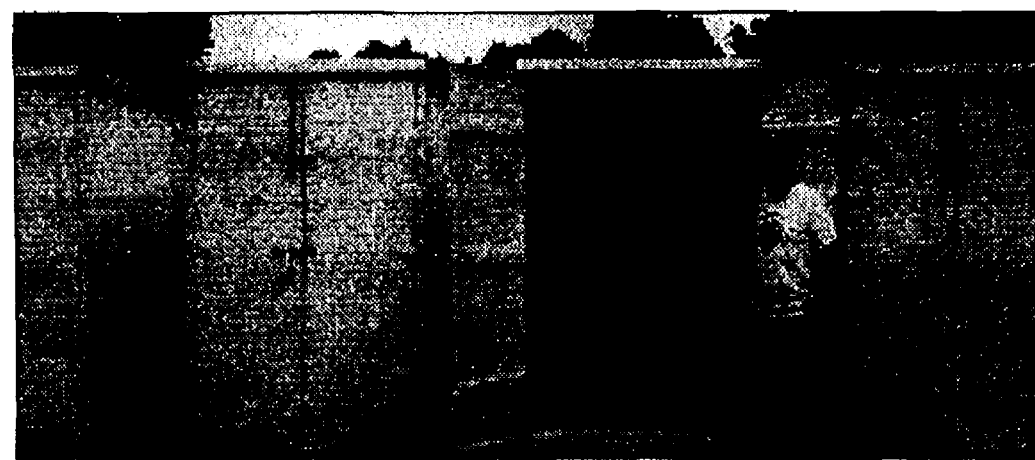
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Interior Decorating Is Looking Up As Homeowners Look To The Ceiling As A Room's Fifth Wall

(HIT) — More and more of today's homeowners are looking at tile and plank ceilings as a decorative interior finish for a variety of rooms, including family rooms, living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms and more. So states Ann Miller, director of design for residential ceilings at Armstrong, the country's largest manufacturer of these types of ceilings.

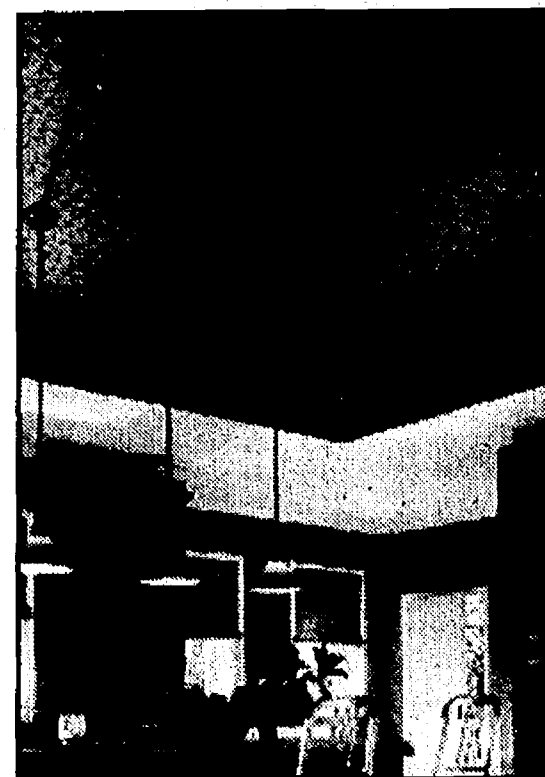
Miller states that one of the reasons for this trend is that homeowners are realizing that a room is more than just four walls and a floor. "The ceiling used to be the most neglected surface in a room," she says. "The floor and wall surfaces got all the attention. Homeowners would install a ceiling and then forget about it."

"For years, homeowners installed tile and plank ceilings mainly as a means of hiding a stained, deteriorated or otherwise problem ceiling," she continues. "Now, those same homeowners are starting to think of the ceiling as a room's fifth wall and realizing that they can obtain a great deal of architectural detail in it at an affordable cost. As a result, they're looking at the ceiling with a whole new eye."

Tile Ceilings

She says another reason for this trend is a move by manufacturers to respond to homeowners' aesthetic needs and offer ceilings that have more design appeal. "New and exciting designs are available, especially in tile and plank ceilings. There are a variety of textures, designs and patterns to choose from, regardless of your decor or budget."

As an example, Miller points to an Armstrong line of 12"x12" ceiling tiles called Tin Look. These sculpted tiles feature the artistry, charm and classic beau-



Ceiling tiles are popular because they have no visible grid system. These Tin Look ceiling tiles from Armstrong have been painted copper to add the look of a stamped metal ceiling to this kitchen.

ty of turn-of-the-century metal ceilings, but at a fraction of the cost. Patterns in the line range from lightly embossed patterns to bold geometrics to classic fans.

Tin Look ceiling tiles can be painted to match any color in a room's decorating scheme. They can also be painted copper, silver, pewter, bronze, gold or any other shade to mimic nearly any metallic finish. The patina that develops on tin ceilings as a result of age can even be duplicated.

Plank Ceilings

The latest plank ceilings feature a wide range of contemporary and traditional wood finishes. Armstrong's WoodHaven laminate ceilings planks, for example, feature knotty pines, cherries, maple, beech, and traditional white finishes in a tongue-and-grooved plank with end matched detailing.

Measuring 6"x78" in size, the planks not only provide homeowners with the rich, warm look



Laminate ceiling planks add the rich, warm look of wood to any room in the house. These WoodHaven planks from Armstrong are offered in eight natural pre-finished woodgrain colors.

of wood, but also the carefree maintenance and tough, long-lasting durability that results from the planks' pre-finished laminate surface, all at an affordable price.

"Tile and plank ceilings have no visible grid system. As a result, they are a popular choice anywhere in the house," Miller adds. "In addition to their visual appeal, tile and plank ceilings are also quicker, cleaner and easier to install than a drywall ceiling."

"The end result," she concludes, "is that more and more homeowners are now looking at ceilings from a decorative point of view these days as well as a functional one. And, in doing so, they're discovering that tile and plank ceilings can deliver both eye-appealing aesthetics and problem-solving performance."

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Eleven things you should know about mold

(NUI) – Mold: You can't always see it, but it's there, thriving in the dark, moist corners of your basement or creeping under your family room carpet.

It can hide and go undetected until some unsuspecting person smells it, notices a damp spot or stain, or begins to feel its presence with the onset of asthma attacks, allergic reactions and other respiratory issues.

Mold can attack wood, paper and even carpet – almost anything that holds moisture. But you can help prevent mold from growing in your home by controlling indoor moisture and water leaks.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers these facts about mold and tips on what to do about it:

- There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold

spores in the indoor environment; the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.

- Reduce indoor humidity (below 60 percent) to decrease mold growth by venting clothes dryers, kerosene heaters and other moisture-generating appliances to the outside.

- You can reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces – such as windows, piping, exterior walls, roof or floors – by adding insulation.

- In the bathroom, run the fan or open the window when showering or bathing.

- When needed, use air conditioners and de-humidifiers and use exhaust fans whenever cooking, dishwashing or cleaning.

- Clean and repair roof gutters regularly to prevent water leaks.

- Make sure the ground slopes away from the building foundation so that water does not enter or collect around the foundation.

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- Keep refrigerator and air conditioning drip pans clean and the drain lines unobstructed and flowing properly.

- Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings within 24 to 48 hours to prevent mold growth.

- Clean mold off hard surfaces with water and detergent, and dry completely. Absorbent materials such as ceiling tiles or carpet may need to be replaced.

- Fix the source of the water problem or leak, or mold growth will recur.

Remember, mold can be found almost anywhere; it can grow on virtually any substance, as long as moisture is present.

For more information on protecting your home from mold, log on to www.epa.gov/mold.

Redecorating your home? Start with the windows

(NUI) – For many, the thought of home decorating can be overwhelming, though experienced interior designers make it look so easy. But, with a good understanding of your home and lifestyle needs, embarking on a decorating project can be just as easy as it is for the professionals.

The best part about decorating is that it only takes a little to make a huge difference. Whether you're looking for a graceful country charm or a sleek modern design, you'll find that the windows are a smart place to start.

Window treatments are an essential element in the home that people often overlook when it comes to decor. The perfect shade can make any window look extraordinary, and it can make a big difference in any room.

Though the choices are many, from cellular shades and shutters

to drapes or valances, focusing on a few important elements can quickly give your project a sense of direction.

Here are some tips from Comfortex BlindCrafter Centers to help you choose your window treatments wisely.

- Identify the kind of light you need. The same room can look very different under different lighting conditions. For entertaining, you can create a natural warmth and traditional elegance with dark wood blinds. For reading and household chores, a

bright, sheer shade works best.

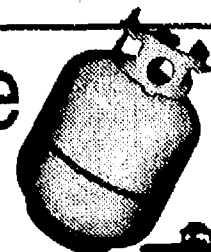
- Consider the environment and be practical. Shutters are ideal for kitchens and bathrooms, which can get hot and humid. Polyester pleated shades are also highly durable, washable, dust resistant and will not fray or fade.

- Know the ambience you're looking to achieve. For a relaxing, soothing retreat, try Roman shades. The look of beautiful fabrics provides an added dimension to a room and softens the edges.

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Tips for planning your backyard paradise

(NUI) – You don't need to spend a fortune on a backyard project. You don't even need to be a master carpenter. In fact, with a small investment, you can be a do-it-yourselfer and dramatically impact the appearance of your back yard – and add to its long-term value.

To finish a project as large as adding a new back yard deck or as modest as window box planters, Lou "Mr. Fix-It" Manfredini, a professional builder and author of the new book "House Smarts," suggests concentrating on just one pro-

ject at a time.

"Crossing just one item off your to-do list gives you an attractive, equity-increasing accompaniment to your home," Manfredini said.

No matter whether the budget is less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, wood projects add enjoyment and value to any backyard paradise.

"Wood is a building material that always looks more expensive than it costs," Manfredini said. "It is also very easy to work with and can adapt to any project plans."

Backyard improvements using wood also are appealing to potential homebuyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, buyers of existing homes always look for special touches in the back yard.

Start with a project that is both uncomplicated and inexpensive but will add immediate curbside appeal. Manfredini recommends building a window box planter. You can use it to grow everything from tulips to your own personal herb garden, and it can add instant warmth to your back yard. They are so easy to build that even a beginner should be able to construct a box in one to two hours, and for around \$15.

"Window box planters are a great starter project because it let's you gain confidence in your wood working skills," Manfredini said. "You can also add decorations to the window box to make it more elegant.

Additionally, the only tools you really need are a circular saw, drill, tape measure and screws."

Once you build confidence in your woodworking skills, it's time to move on to more advanced projects. There are a variety of projects that could be completed for under \$200.

One project that Manfredini recommends is a wood garden bench. There are many different wood options that you can consider to match the decor of your back yard, including cedar, redwood or even some of the newer treated woods.

Or, by investing a little more time and money, you can frame out projects that add space and storage to your back yard. An outdoor storage shed will cost around \$2,000 in lumber and other supplies. It makes an efficient area to store the lawnmower, garden tools and seasonal items.

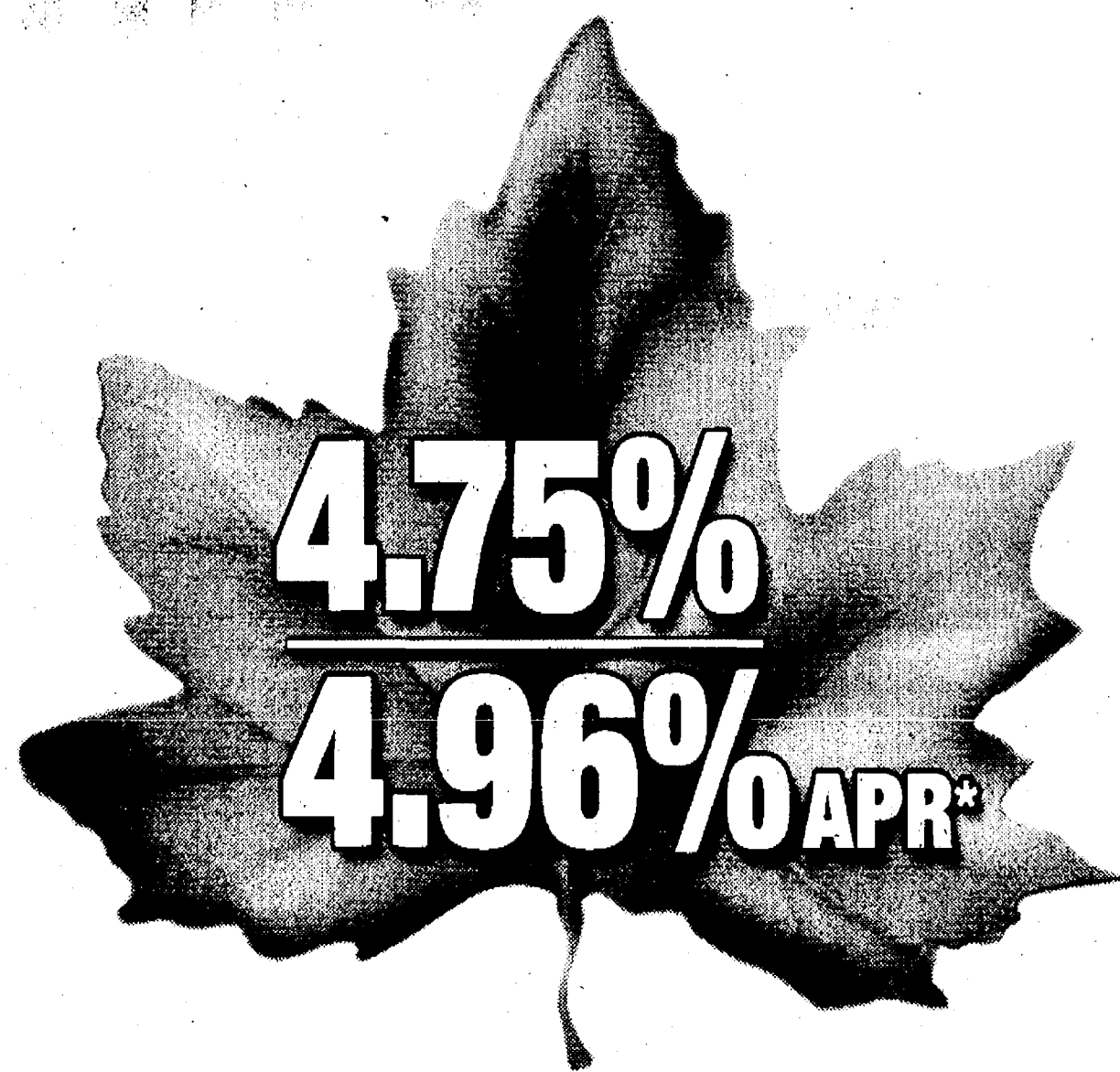
If you own a deck, also consider a deck box.

"A deck box is a great storage addition to any backyard deck," Manfredini said. "From sporting equipment to pool toys to barbecue tools, a deck box is both functional and beautiful."

To help you embark on your next home improvement project, Manfredini has posted free plans for the window box planter, garden bench and deck box at www.beconstructive.com.

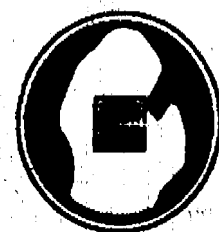
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